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DONE USING SOMEONE ELSES LAPTOP, SO PROBABLY NOT AS GOOD AS USUAL.

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THE
BREAKER
브레이커
NW

HAAH

HAAH

HUFF

HUFF

DRIP DRIP SPLATTER

HUFF

HUFF

I THOUGHT HE HAD ALREADY PASSED HIS LIMIT A LONG TIME AGO...

IS HE REALLY OKAY?

HUFF

HUFF

THIS KID...

WHAT A TENACIOUS BASTARD... HE STILL GOT UP AFTER THAT BEATING.

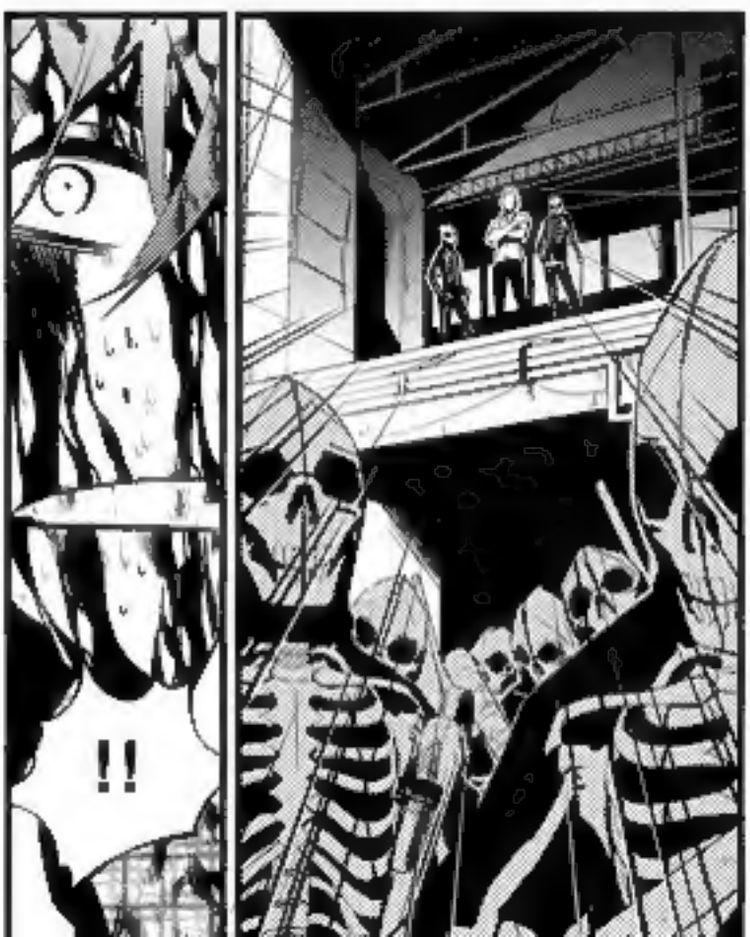
W- WHAT IS UP WITH HIM?

JUST WHO THE HELL IS HE?

SHALL I SEND IN SOME MORE GUYS?
....
HE'S HOLDING OUT LONGER THAN EXPECTED.

JUST HOW MUCH LONGER AM I SUPPOSED TO FIGHT? IF WE DON'T HURRY, SERA NOONA WILL....
!

HUU...
HUU...
HAAH
HAAH
MY SENSES... IT'S ALL GETTING HAZIER BY THE MINUTE...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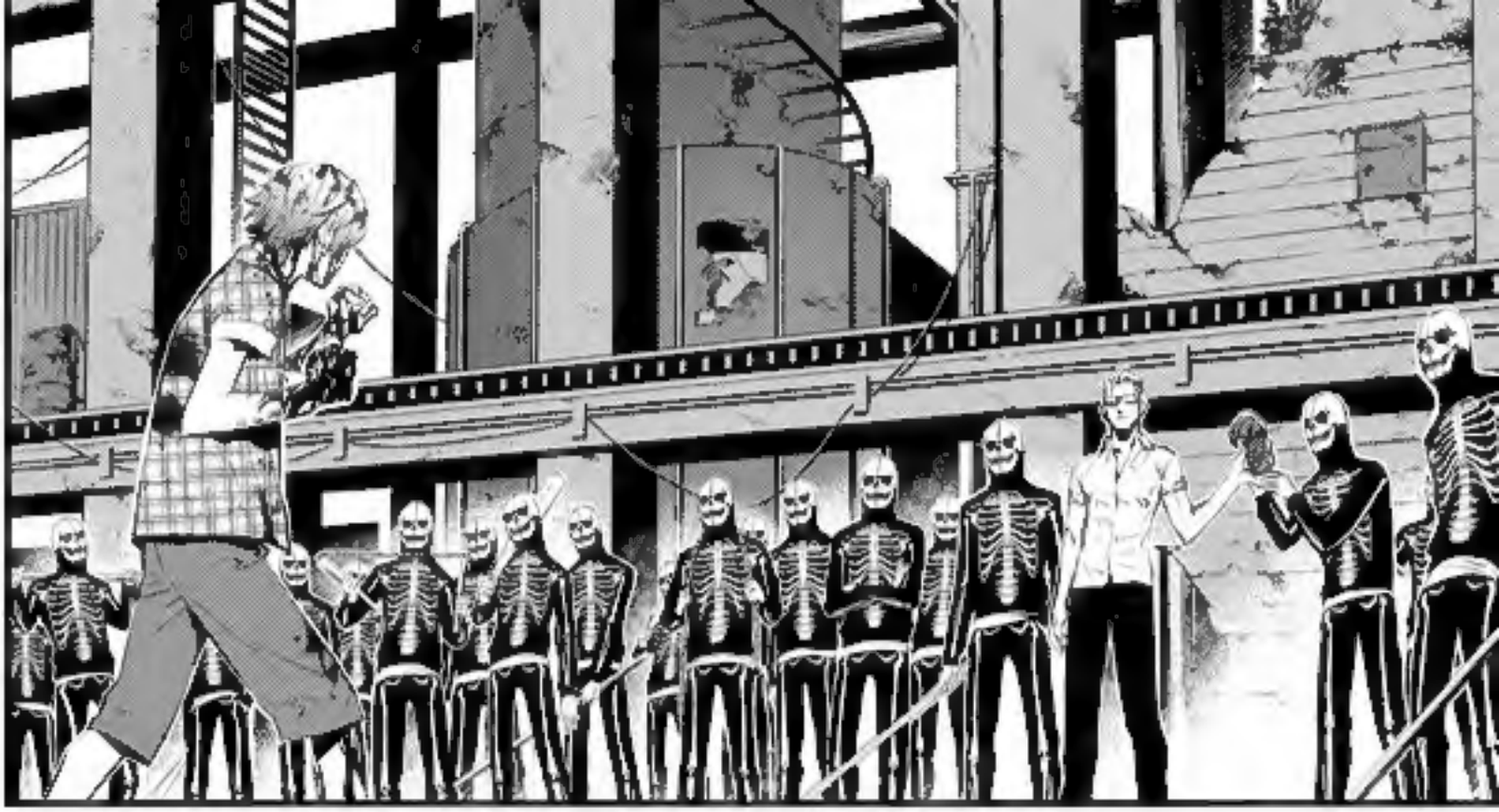
[*- A PERSON OF THE MURIM WORLD, I.E. MARTIAL ARTIST]

HEY, YOU BAS-TARDS!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA LET THAT IDIOT RUN HIS MOUTH?! GO AND...
IF NOT, THEN LET'S FIGHT! I'M SAYING, LET'S TAKE CARE OF THIS THE MURIM WAY!
SIR?
HOW INTER-ESTING.
FINE! IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, THEN YOU GOT IT, YI SHIOON!
!
BRING ME MY GAUNTLET! I WILL FIGHT THAT BASTARD!
C-CAP-TAIN!
!
!

!
BUT DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT NONE OF OUR GUYS WERE WILLING TO GO UP AGAINST HIM FOR A WHILE NOW?
YEAH. THAT MUCH IS OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE.
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? HE'S SO EXHAUSTED THAT HE'S READY TO KEEL OVER, IF YOU JUST LET HIM BE.
EVERYONE IS SCARED STIFF FROM THAT GUY'S OVERWHELMING SPIRIT.
IN OTHER WORDS...



BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE LAST SAW COOL GUY'S SKILLS, HUH?
HOW LUCKY. I WAS WORRIED ABOUT HOW TO FACE THAT CRAZY BASTARD...
DOES THIS MEAN COOL GUY IS GONNA FINISH HIM OFF, NOW THAT THINGS HAVE SLOWED DOWN?

SIR?
YOU FOOLS. WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "SPORTSMAN-LIKE"??

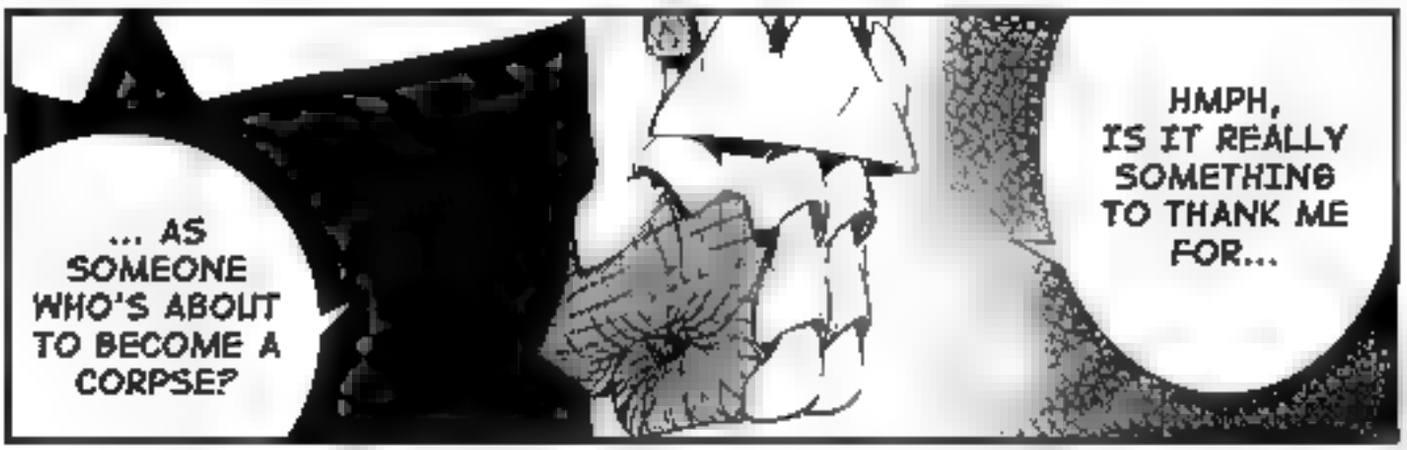
QUITE SPORTS-MAN-LIKE, ISN'T HE?
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM? YOU MEAN HE REALLY CAME DOWN TO FIGHT HIM?

AH... YOU'RE RIGHT....
ON OUR SIDE, WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO TOOK MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF BEATINGS, THAT IT'S AMAZING HE'S STILL STAND-ING. PLUS, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THEY'LL LET US GO, EVEN IF HE DOES WIN.

BUT STILL, PLEASE BE CAREFUL. I DUNNO, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE POWER OF HIS PUNCH IS NO LAUGHING MATTER.
HAAH
WELL, IN HIS STATE, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY TOO MUCH...
HAAH
DON'T WORRY. I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW TO COUNTER THAT PUNCH, EVER SINCE THE LAST FIGHT.
SIR?
BACK THEN, I TRIED TO CONVINCE MYSELF THAT YOU DEFEATED ME BY PURE LUCK...
TRUDGE TRUDGE
YEAH... I KNOW. I KNOW WHY MY HEART LEAPT WHILE WATCHING YOU FIGHT...
HUFF
HUFF

AND IF THAT WERE THE TRUTH...
BUT I BEGAN TO HAVE MY DOUBTS WHILE SEEING YOU FIGHT TODAY.
THAT MAYBE YOU REALLY DID DEFEAT ME WITH YOUR TRUE SKILLS.
THEN I WOULDN'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE LIKE TODAY TO DEFEAT YOU.
HAAH
HAAH

THANKS FOR AGREEING TO THIS FIGHT
!


... AS SOMEONE WHO'S ABOUT TO BECOME A CORPSE?
HMPH, IS IT REALLY SOMETHING TO THANK ME FOR...

BUT PROMISE ME THAT, IF I WIN THIS FIGHT, YOU'LL LET THESE PEOPLE GO
!

I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME
WHAT?

FINE. IF THAT IS WHAT IT'LL TAKE FOR YOU TO FIGHT AT FULL-POWER, THEN I PROMISE.

HMPH.
SO IT'S "DO-OR-DIE", HUH?

....

HAAR
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT

HM?

BOOM

BUT I WONDER IF YOU'D BE ABLE TO SHOW ME YOUR TRUE SKILLS HERE AND NOW.

'CAUSE IT FEELS LIKE I STILL HAVE SOME TIME LEFT BEFORE I TURN INTO ASHES...
!!
THIS GUY... HE DEPLETED HIS KI DOWN TO NOTHING, BUT...?
THAT KID .. HE WOULDN'T ...

KUKI

SOSH

!

HMPH. AMBUSHING ME WITH A FEET TECH? A GOOD IDEA, BUT...

SCHPAAA-

!!

THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR A FAILED AMBUSH IS HARSH!!

!
FWOOSH
YOU BASTARD!
ANOTHER FEET TECH. WHILE USING A FEET TECH ALREADY?

CHUAAH
GRRR!
POOOW
PANT
!!

DOKOO
DOKOO
DOKOO
DOKOO
KA-POW POW POOM

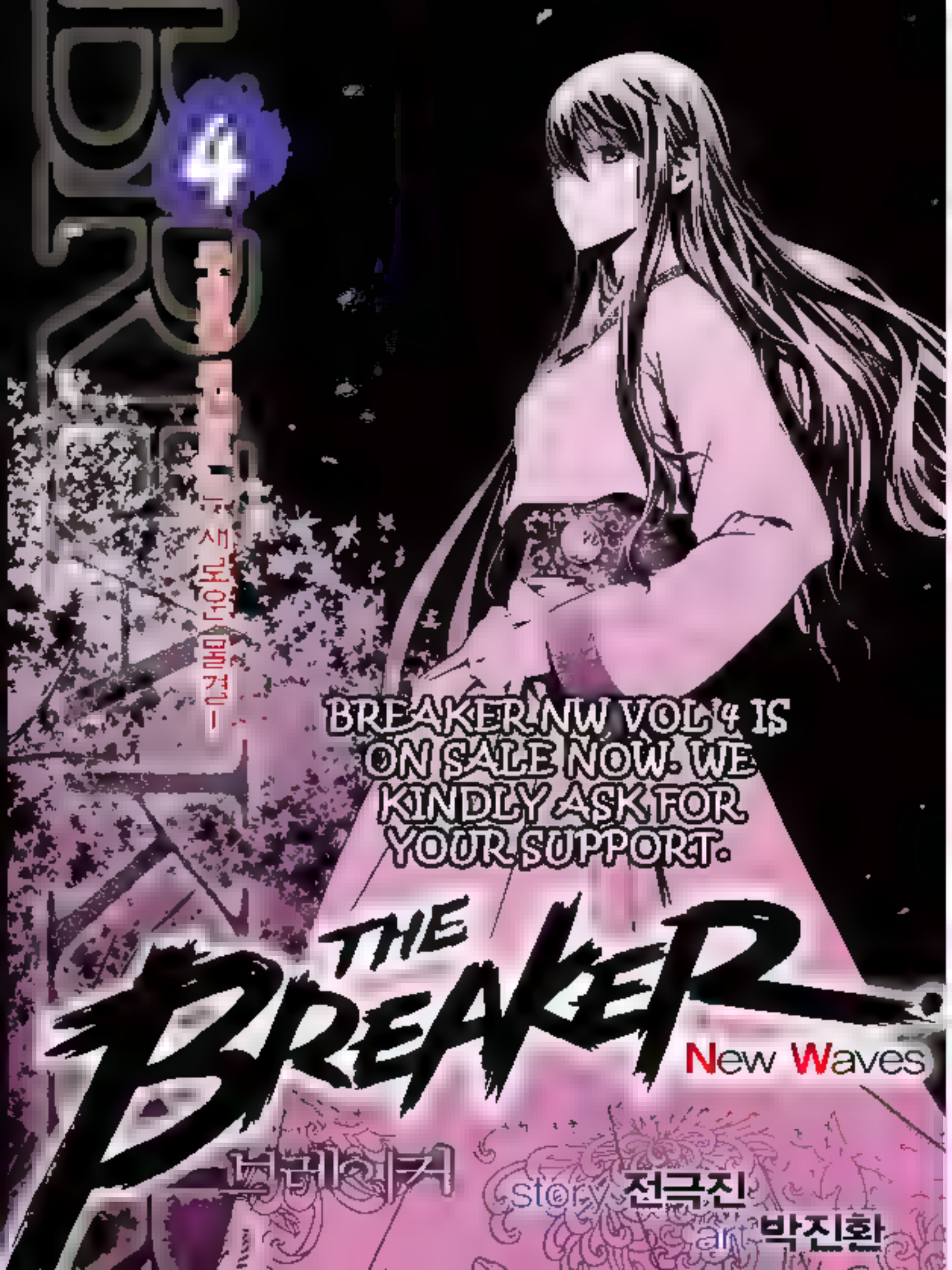
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
C- COOL GUY IS BEING PUSHED BACK!
WHOAA!

THAT BRAT, LIKE I THOUGHT...

HUH?
YOU IDIOTS! YOU STILL DON'T GET IT? IF HE HAD USED A FEET TECH TO GET AWAY, THEN WHO WOULD'VE BEEN ATTACKED NEXT?

WHAT THE HELL? HE KNOWS HOW TO DO A FEET TECH?
IF HE KNOWS, THEN WHY TAKE ALL THAT BEATING UP TILL NOW?

T- THEN, UNTIL NOW, HE WAS .?
YEAH! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING IN HIS MIND RIGHT NOW!
IT MEANS HE USED HIS OWN BODY TO ABSORB ALL THE PUNISHMENT YOU GUYS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED!
TO SAVE THIS GIRL, NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES...
BUT, Y'KNOW...
THIS SORT OF SITUATION IS BAD... IT'S REALLY BAD.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BREAKER NW VOL'4 IS ON SALE NOW. WE KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
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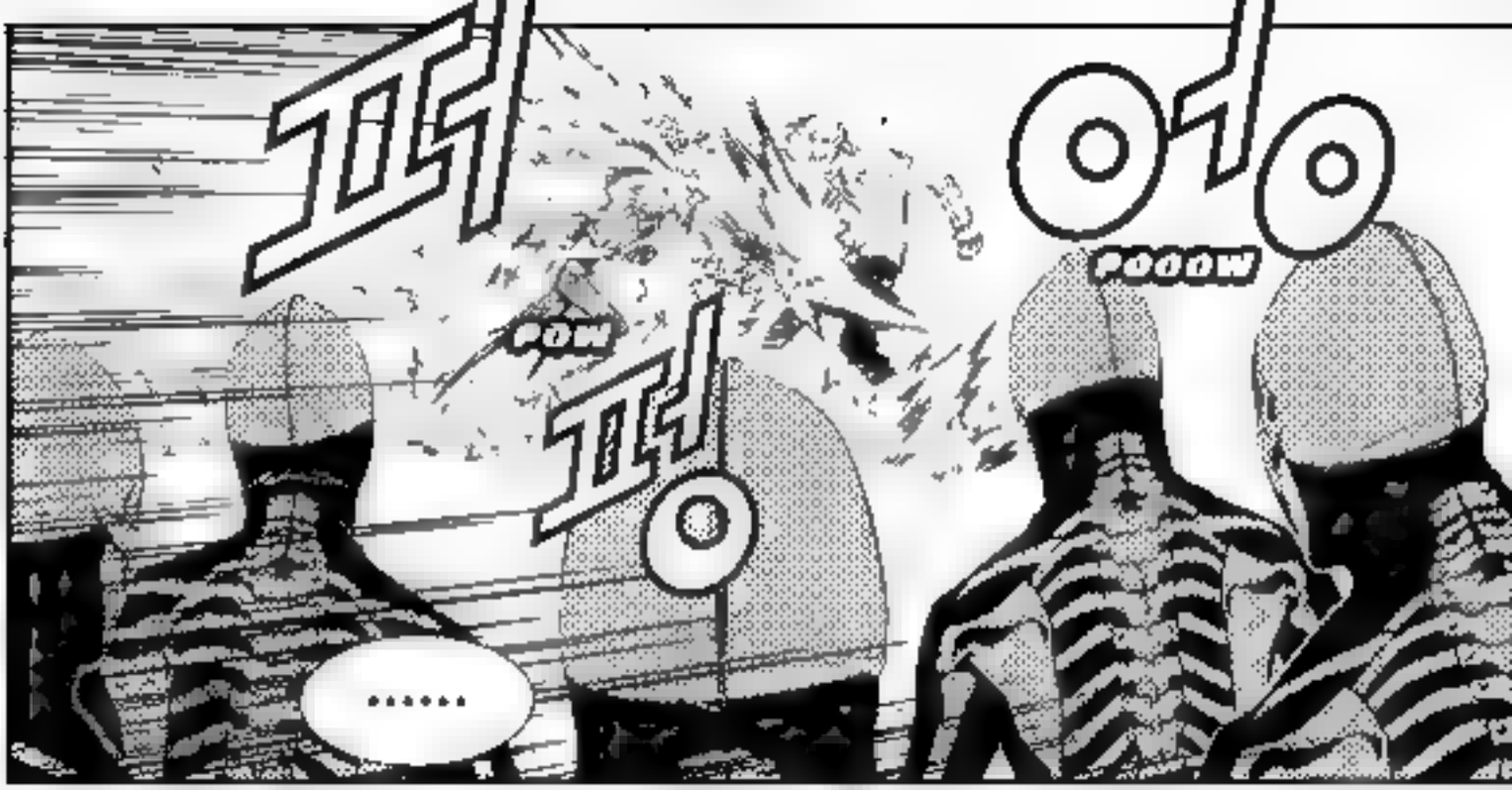
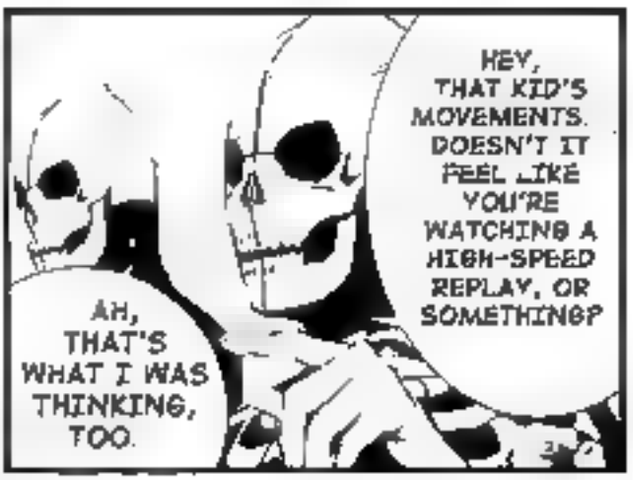
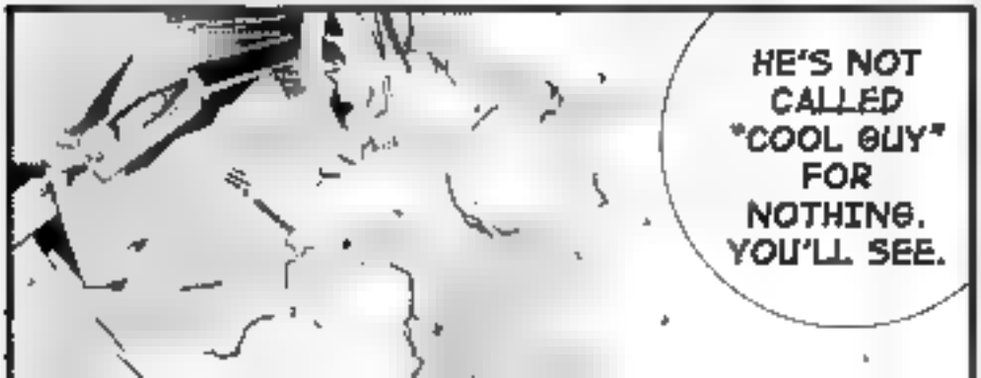

ZIP
POOOW
KOW
ZIP
.....

OI, OI! DON'T EVEN JOKE ABOUT THAT! EVEN A GLANCING BLOW FROM HIS FIST IS ENOUGH TO BREAK A BAT
DAMMIT, I DUNNO WHY HE DIDN'T FIGHT LIKE THIS BEFORE, BUT IF HE WERE TO FIGHT US LIKE THIS. .


AH, THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING, TOO.
HEY, THAT KID'S MOVEMENTS. DOESN'T IT FEEL LIKE YOU'RE WATCHING A HIGH-SPEED REPLAY, OR SOMETHING?

I'VE BEEN WATCHING CLOSELY, AND COOL GUY HASN'T BEEN HIT, NOT EVEN ONCE.

HEY NO NEED TO WORRY IT'S OBVIOUS HE'S GONNA LOSE TO COOL GUY
HM?


HE'S NOT CALLED "COOL GUY" FOR NOTHING. YOU'LL SEE.

DAMMIT, HOW COME HE CAN'T LAND A SINGLE HIT?
HASTY... HE'S BEING TOO HASTY!
I KNOW, RIGHT?! ONE SOLID HIT, AND THAT BASTARD WOULD CRUMBLE INTO PIECES!
.....
AND THE REASON HE'S RUSHING SO MUCH
MUST BE THAT THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW LONG HE CAN USE THAT MYSTERIOUS KI
BUT THE REAL PROBLEM IS THAT, IN CONTRAST TO HIS OWN HASTINESS, HIS OPPONENT IS TOO DAMN CALM ABOUT EVERYTHING!

THIS IS INCRED-IBLE...
HIS POWER JUST CAN'T MAKE UP FOR HIS LACK OF FUNDAMENTALS.
BUT SEEING AS HOW HE ONLY DOES SIMPLE ATTACKS WITH THE FIST.
HIS FEET TECH AND FIST STRIKES NOW ARE BEYOND COMPARE! IS THIS KIND OF GROWTH POSSIBLE IN SUCH A SHORT TIME?
HOW'S THIS?
WHOOSH
AND IN THAT CASE...
CHUAAHH
A CHANCE !!
!

EXPLODE...
FWOOSH
[*- "NAE GONG KWON"]
INNER ENERGY STRIKE*!!
POOOW
GOTCH-
AHHH!
WUOOH!

WHAAAM

KLOO!

THERE YA GO...
ALL YOUR BASE ARE BELONG TO US.
THAT SCARED ME, I THOUGHT HE'D HAD IT!
WUOOH! THAT'S COOL GUY FOR YA!
NOW THEN, TIME TO PUT THE PRESSURE ON...
!
Full Metal Alchemist
KA-BOOM
KA-BOOM

POOM
GNUHHHH
KUUK!
YOU MEAN, THAT KIND OF IMPACT DOESN'T EVEN REGISTER?
WHAT THE HELL?! I THOUGHT FOR SURE THAT I HIT HIM!

FWOOOSH
IN THAT CASE...
!
POW
SU-SU-SU
TUK
FWOOOSH
LET'S GO ONE MORE TIME.
!!

POOOOW
!
AHHHH!
HE AVOIDED IT?

EXPLODE!
ONCE MORE.
INNER ENERGY STRIKE!!
CAPTAIN!
GOOD!

HUH?
CHUNNN
SUUK
WHAT'S GOING ON? I HIT HIM SQUARELY WITH THE INNER ENERGY STRIKE, RIGHT?
NO, IT CAN'T BE..... I'M SURE HE TOOK SOME DAMAGE!
CLENCH
I WON'T FALL FOR YOUR BLUFF.
!!

HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU CAN LAST AFTER GETTING HIT WITH THE INNER ENERGY STRIKE?!
POOW
I WAS TOO RASH IN MY JUDGMENT.
C-CAPTAIN!
THIS GUY'S HIS FUNDAMENTALS MIGHT NOT BE ALL THERE, BUT HIS RESPONSE TIME AND SPEED OF MOVEMENT HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH.
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO, BUT I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE. I'LL HAVE TO DRAG OUT THE FIGHT, AND WAIT TILL HE TIRES HIMSELF OUT.
IF I DON'T CHANGE MY MINDSET FROM THE PREVIOUS FIGHT, I MIGHT END UP LOSING INSTEAD.
POW

DAMMIT! ARE YOU ALL BLIND??
SIR?
GOOD, GOOD!
WUOOH! NOW HIS ATTACKS ARE GETTING THROUGH.
HE'S JUST BEING LED AROUND BY HIS OPPONENT!
IT'S NOT THAT HIS ATTACKS ARE GETTING THROUGH...
W- WHAT'S GOING ON?
HAAH
HAAH
ZIIING
KUUK!
INNER ENERGY STRIKES ARE GETTING THROUGH, SO WHY IS HE STILL STANDING?

SURELY HE MUST BE APPROACHING HIS OWN LIMIT, TOO. JUST A LITTLE MORE...
HAAH
BUT...
HAAH
...MY HEAD HURTS. DUNNO HOW MUCH LONGER...
LET'S HOLD ON JUST A LITTLE MORE, AND APPLY SOME MORE PRESSURE!!
POOOW
SU-SU-SUUK
!

HUFF
HUFF
HM?
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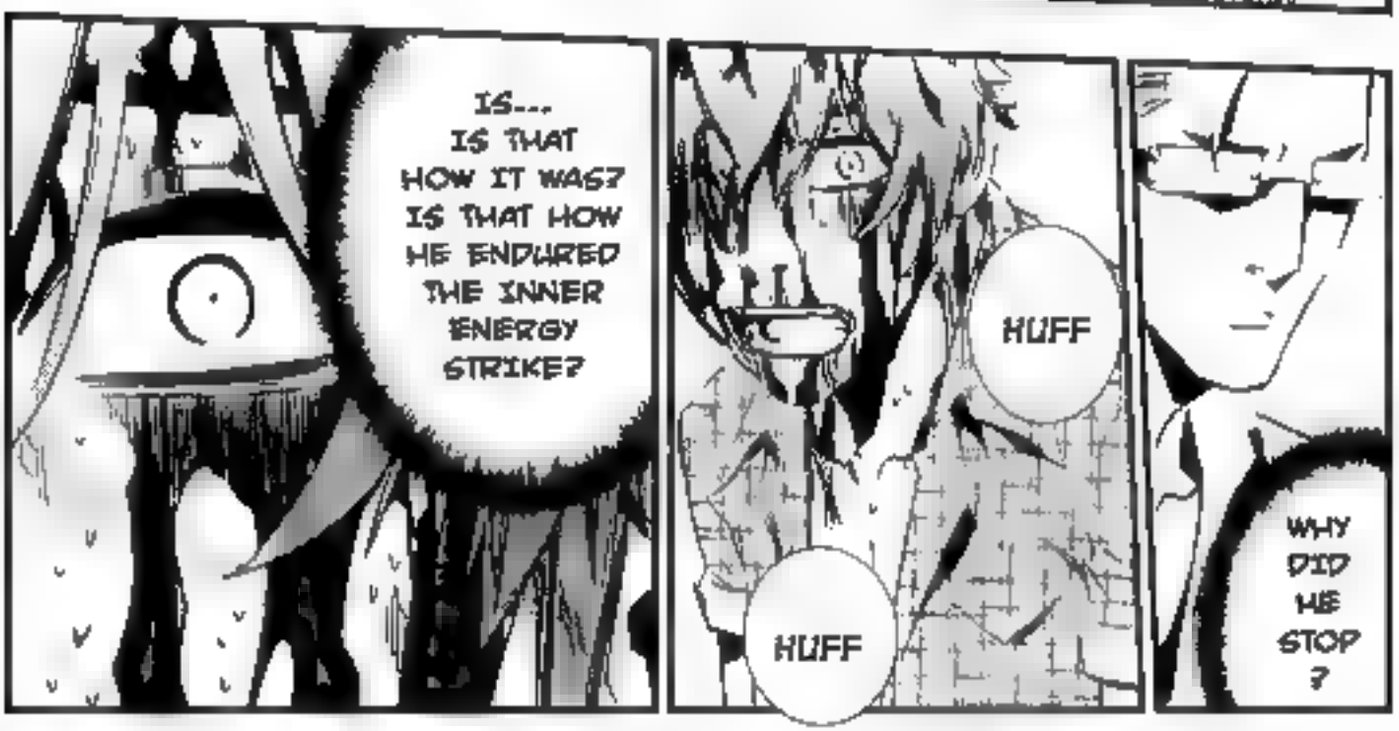
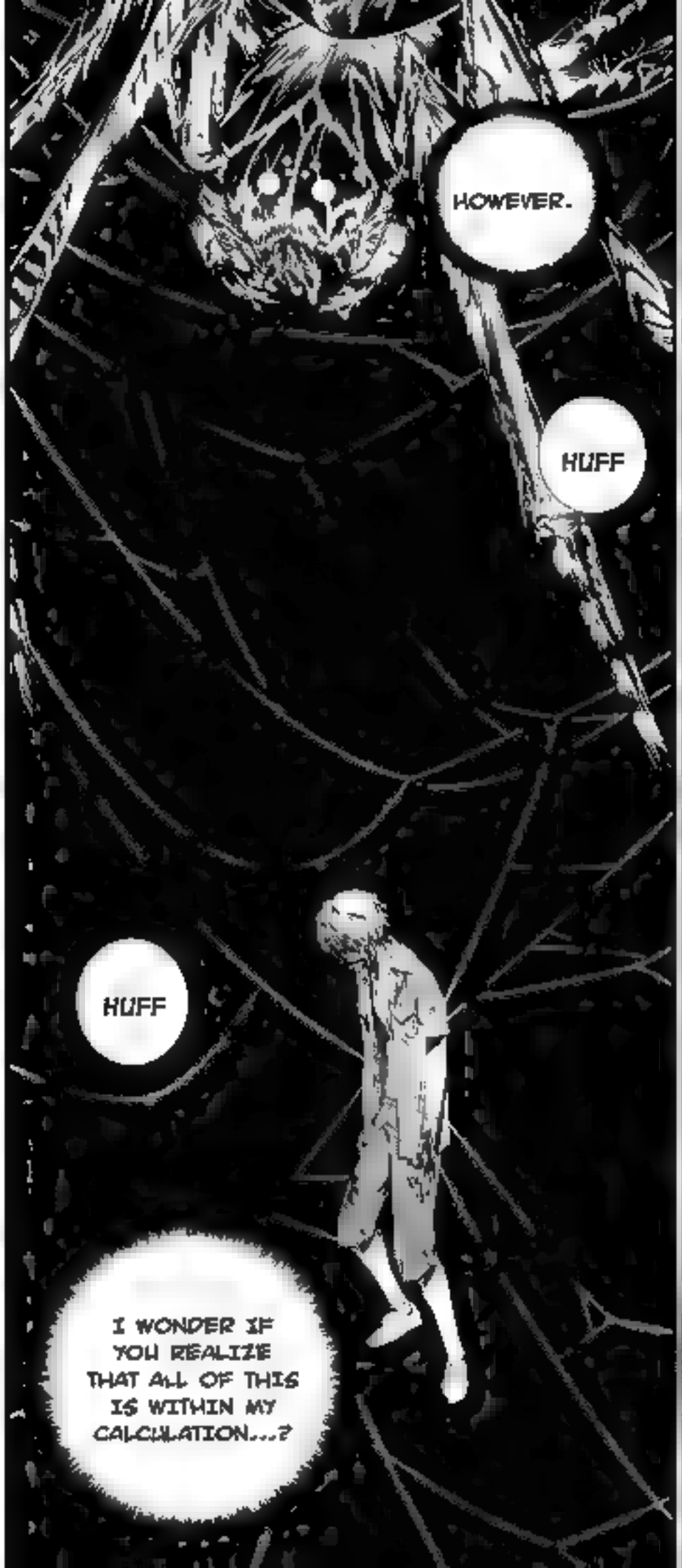

IS... IS THAT HOW IT WAS? IS THAT HOW HE ENDURED THE INNER ENERGY STRIKE?
HUFF
HUFF
WHY DID HE STOP ?

HMPH! SO, WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?!
ALL THAT YOU KNOW NOW IS THAT YOUR KI-ATTACKS NO LONGER WORK.
DID HE NOTICE IT?


HOWEVER.
HUFF
HUFF
I WONDER IF YOU REALIZE THAT ALL OF THIS IS WITHIN MY CALCULATION...?
YOU'RE ALREADY EXHAUSTED AFTER REPEATEDLY USING KI-ATTACKS BEYOND YOUR LIMIT...
HAAH
HAAH
AND NOW YOU ARE GOING TO CHOOSE TO DO SOMETHING COMPLETELY RECKLESS.

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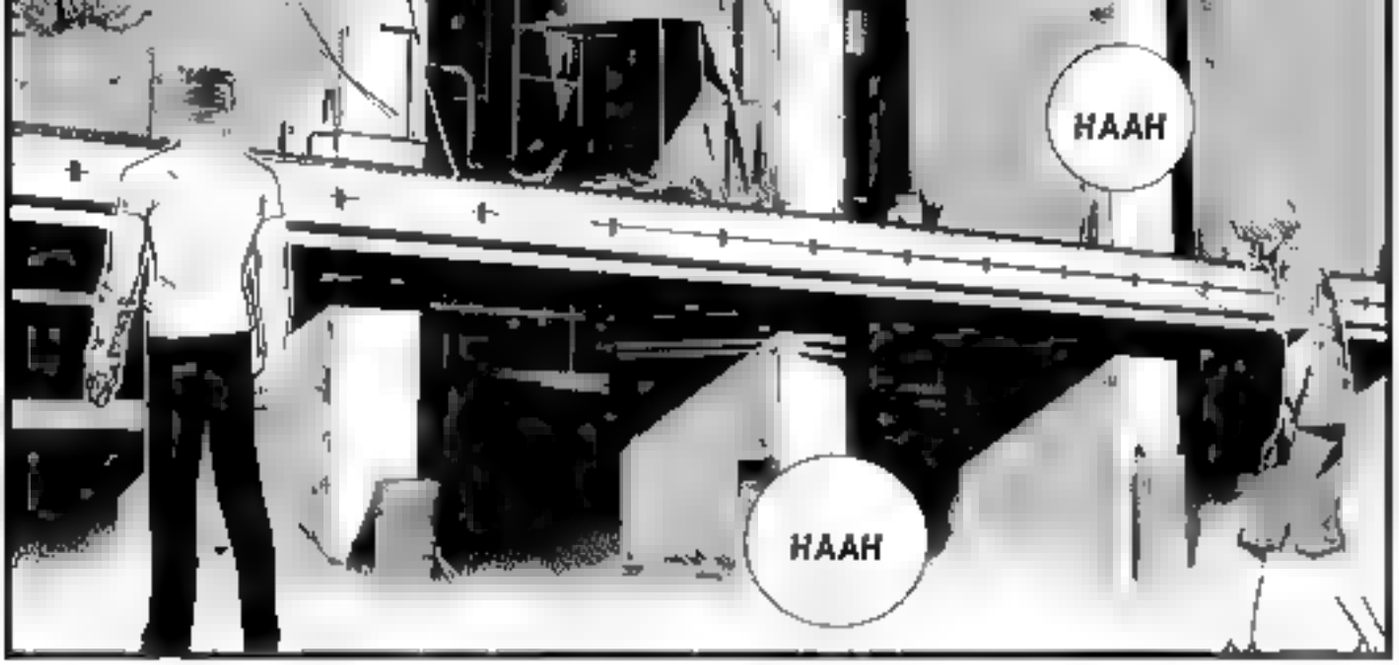
HAAH
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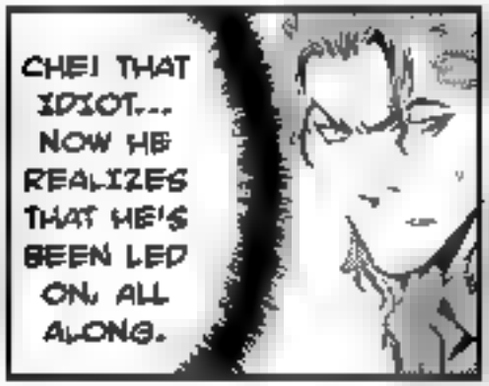
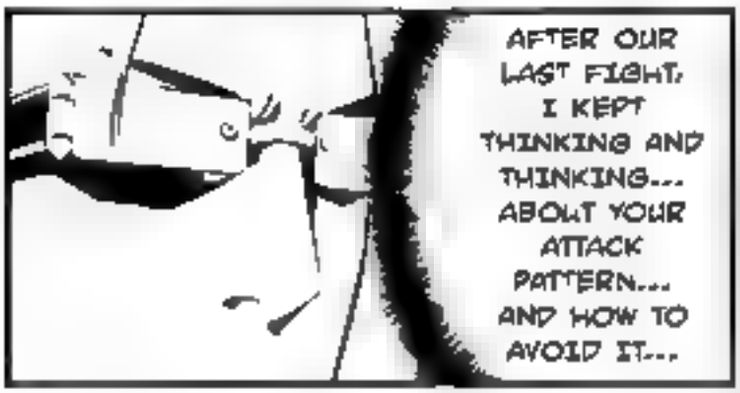
BUT IT'S TOO LATE. ANYONE CAN TELL THAT YOUR SPIRIT IS BROKEN FROM THE EXHAUSTION!


CHE! THAT IDIOT... NOW HE REALIZES THAT HE'S BEEN LED ON ALL ALONG.

HAAH

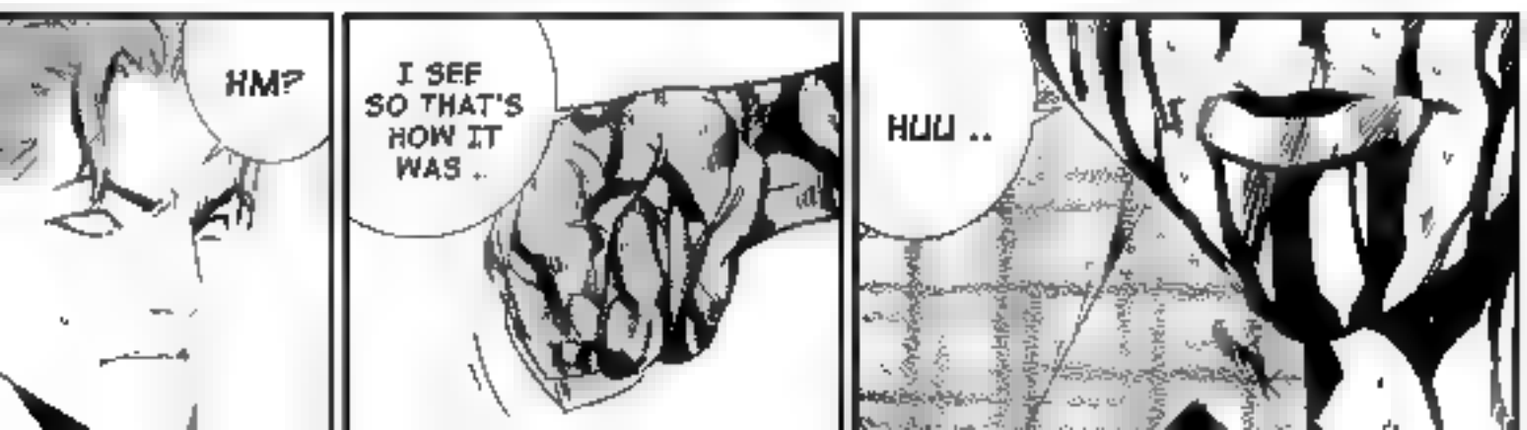

AFTER OUR LAST FIGHT, I KEPT THINKING AND THINKING... ABOUT YOUR ATTACK PATTERN... AND HOW TO AVOID IT...

THE VERY INSTANT I COME IN CONTACT WITH YOUR FIST, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PULL BACK! THEN YOUR KI-ATTACK HITS NOTHING BUT AIR.
YOUR KI-ATTACK IS A SIMULTANEOUS COMBINATION OF A STRIKE AND A KI OUTBURST...

HAAH
HAAH

SUUK
CRANACK
THE ONLY CLAW YOU'RE HANGING ON WITH IS YOUR QUICK FEET TECH. AND THE MOMENT YOU RELY ON IT TO JUMP IN FOR AN ATTACK.
---THAT WILL BE YOUR END!
THE MOMENT I REALIZED IT, YOUR KI-ATTACKS WERE NO LONGER A THREAT. AND THEY ONLY SERVED TO DRAIN YOU OF YOUR STRENGTH.
HAAH
HAAH

SHH, BE QUIET! IT FEELS LIKE THEY'RE GETTING READY FOR THE FINAL BLOW
WHAT ARE THEY STANDING THERE FOR?


HM?
I SEE SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS..
HUU ..

THAT KID...
OHHH GOOD! KEEP PUSHING HIM BACK!
I DUNNO ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE, BUT IT SEEMS HIS SPIRIT HAS GONE BEYOND THE LEVEL OF A NORMAL HUMAN.
CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S STILL STANDING, AFTER GOING PAST HIS LIMIT...
FINE! IF THAT'S THE CASE, LET'S DO IT ONCE MORE!!
BUT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN RESOLVE THIS SITUATION SIMPLY BY HOLDING ON? I MEAN, THE ODDS ARE ABSOLUTELY AGAINST YOU NOW!
IS HE THINKING OF GOING FOR ALL-OR-NOTHING?
..
EY
THAT
OK

I KNEW IT.
!
SU-SU-SUUK
YOU HAVEN'T REALIZED IT, BUT YOU USED THAT SAME PATTERN SEVERAL TIMES ALREADY IN THIS FIGHT AND THE LAST!
AND I...
COMING IN FULL-FRONTAL...
THEN SUDDENLY CHANGING DIRECTIONS IN ORDER TO ATTACK FROM THE BLIND SPOT...
... HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO USE IT FOR THE FINAL BLOW!
FWOOOSH

W- WHY WOULD HE, ALL OF A SUDDEN...?

INNER ENERGY ATTACKS WERE INEFFECTIVE, BECAUSE HE WOULD STEP BACK AND AVOID THE HIT...!

IF SO, THEN TAKE AWAY HIS MOBILITY...

DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THIS IS THE ESSENCE

HUH?

F- FULL-FRONTAL?

OK

GRUUUUNCH

THE SEISMIC STEP*!

I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, SO PAY ATTENTION THE IMPORTANT POINT HERE IS TO GATHER THE THREE ELEMENTS* IN YOUR PRIMARY KI*

AFTER YOU'VE BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER, SEND THE PRIMARY KI DOWN TO THE WELLSPRING MERIDIAN* IN ONE SHOT THAT IS WHAT YOU CALL

[REFER TO TL NOTE AT END]

GONNA RAM THIS INTO THE GROUND!!

KUAAA

WHAAAAAM

WHAT...

HOW DID THIS...

THE ATTACK LEVEL AND PATTERN CHANGED ALL OF A SUDDEN. IT WAS TOTALLY OUTSIDE MY CALCULATION.
WHAT WAS THAT ATTACK JUST NOW...
!
GOOMOONRYONG-NIM'S CHOSEN DISCIPLE... THIS IS HIS...
IS... IS THAT HOW IT IS?
BOOOM

COOL GUY LOST...?
AH..
HAAH
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
HE TURNED THE TABLES IN AN INSTANT.
HAAH

HAAH
I'VE NEVER BEFORE SEEN SUCH A FIGHT.
THIS QUAKING INSIDE ME, AS I WATCHED...
THIS FEELING OF AWE AND DREAD!!
HAAH
Y-- YEAH. LET'S GO
AH, Y- YESSIR!
!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY, TAKE SERA NOONA TO THE CAR.
YOU THOUGHT WE'D SIMPLY LET YOU GO?!!
!
SAYS WHO, YOU BASTARDS ?!

!
SUUK
CHE! I KNEW THEY WERE GONNA ..
TREMBLE TREMBLE
FINE. COME AT ME, ALL YOU WANT
BUT I'LL MAKE THIS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR!
I WILL SURELY KILL ANYONE WHO ATTACKS!
FNOOOSH
FLINCH
THIS KID. HE REALLY...
!

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO STILL EXUDE SUCH POWER TO SCARE EVEN HIS ALLIES...
I KNOW FOR SURE THAT HE'S BARELY HANGING ON, BUT...
OI! CAN'T YOU SEE THAT HE'S TREMBLING ALL OVER?
HOW COULD YOU BE SCARED OF THAT LOSER AND STILL CALL YOURSELF S.U.CP
AH. I REALLY HATE THIS KINDA TENSION
H- HEY, HE'S NOT KIDDING AROUND, IS HE?
I
LET 'EM GO!
OH GAWD! GET OUTTA THE WAY, MORON! I'LL BE THE ONE TO
B- BUT YOU SAW HIM FIGHT JUST NOW, TOO! HE'S STRONG!
I SAID I WOULD LET THEM GO SAFELY IF HE WON. LET 'EM GO!
B- BUT .
C- CAPTAIN!

U- UNDER-
STOOD.
THIS IS AN ORDER! ARE YOU DEAF?!
YOUR ARM... IS IT OKAY?
GO!
!
KER-THUNK
VROOOOM
DON'T MAKE ME LOOK ANY MORE PITIFUL! GET LOST!

I GUESS MY INSTINCT AS A MURIM-IN WAS TELLING ME THAT I WANTED TO SEE IT.

TO SEE THAT KID'S FUTURE...

VROOOM

I THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA DIE FOR SURE.
WHOA! WE REALLY GOT OUT!

HUK
HUK
KUHOK!

HEY, LOOK HERE. ARE YOU ALRI-
HUH?

OI, CALM DOWN AND CHECK THE GIRL'S STATUS FIRST
AH, YESSIR!

WHAT? WHAT'S WITH THIS PULSE? HOW'S HE STILL ALIVE WITH THIS HEART RATE?
HUK
HUK
HEY! WHAT'S WRONG?! HEY, YOU...!
HEY! DON'T DAWDLE OVER HER SO MUCH...
AT THIS RATE, HE'S GONNA DIE!
!
HUK
HUK.
SO HE'S BEEN HANGING ON ALL THIS TIME, IN THIS STATE?!
SLIP AWAY
SERA NOONA FIRST...
I- I'M FINE! I'M FINE, SO TAKE CARE OF SERA NOONA...

....
YOU FOOL! HOW COULD YOU NOT THINK OF YOURSELF WHILE DYING LIKE THIS?!
DO YOU REALLY VALUE YOURSELF SO LITTLE?!
YOU.
WHY IN THE WORLD..
H- HEAD- NIM IS SOMETHING WRONG?
SHUT UP! MY ACUPUNC- TURE SET! GIMME THE ACUPUNCTURE SET AND THE PILL BOX!

WELL, YOURS TRULY HERE IS THE HEAD OF THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL, THE BEST IN HEALING AND MEDICINE WITHIN THE MURIM!
YOU THINK I'D LET SOMEONE LIKE YOU DIE LIKE THIS, RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY VERY EYES?!
YOU WERE UNDERESTIMATING ME JUST NOW!
I'M GOING TO SAVE YOU, NO MATTER WHAT!
NO, I'M GOING TO FIX YOU UP SO THAT YOU'LL BE EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE!!

HIATUS ANNOUNCEMENT

HELLO, JEON GEUK-JIN (BREAKER WRITER) HERE. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH SHOULD HAVE GONE OUT LAST CHAPTER, IS GOING OUT AT THE LAST MINUTE. IF YOU HAD READ THE BREAKER BLOG (BLOG.NAVER.COM/TDSTUDIO), YOU KNOW ALREADY THAT PJH (BREAKER ARTIST) IS EXPECTING HIS 2ND CHILD AT AROUND 10AM LOCAL TODAY. CONGRATS!

ACCORDINGLY, WE'VE DECIDED TO TAKE A ONE-MONTH BREAK IN THE SERIALIZATION. APOLOGIES TO THE READERS FOR THIS BREAK. WE ASK FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, AS THIS BREAK IS VERY MUCH NEEDED FOR US IN ORDER TO TEND TO OUR FAMILY.

THE NEXT BREAKER CHAPTER IS SCHEDULED FOR AUG 17TH. WE'LL SEE YOU THEN. WISHING YOU HEALTH DURING THE SCORCHING SUMMER!

COPYPASTA FROM CH65

[1] SEISMIC STEP (진원각, "JIN WON GAK") - A TECHNIQUE ONLY GOOMOONRYONG AND KANG-SUNG ARE ABLE TO DO. REFER TO PART1 VOL5

[2] THREE ELEMENTS (삼극, "SAM GEUK") - REPRESENTED BY HEAVEN, EARTH, AND HUMANITY

[3] PRIMARY KI (진원, "JIN WON") - ORIGINAL KI, OF YOUR OWN; "JIN WON" IS ALSO A POSSIBLE HOMONYM FOR "SEISMIC" (ALSO "JIN WON") - I.E. SAME SOUNDS, DIFFERENT HANJAS.

[4] YONG-CHEON MERIDIAN (용천혈) - "WELLSPRING MERIDIAN", WELLSPRING AS IN A SPRING WHERE WATER COMES FORTH. THIS IS THE MERIDIAN (OR KI-CHANNEL) FOUND ON THE BOTTOM OF THE FOOT

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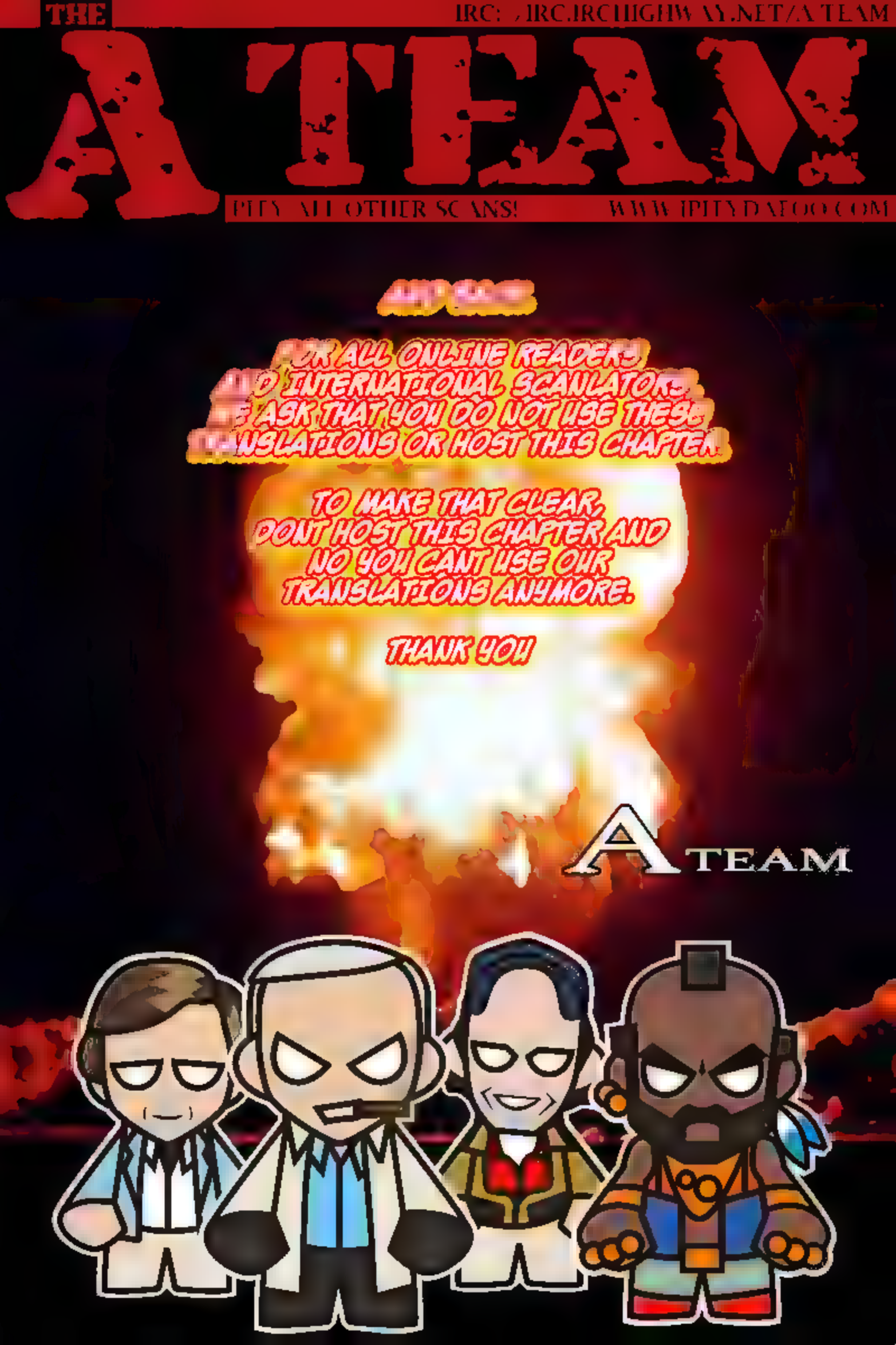

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HOLLYS COFFEE

ARE YOU SURE THAT SHIOON-NIM IS SAFE?

I'M JUST THE MES-SENGER.
HE HAS IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO DEAL WITH, SO JUST WAIT, IS WHAT I WAS TOLD.
.....

AHHH. HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY IT? EVEN I DON'T KNOW THE SPECIFICS!
TAP

YES, HE'S FINE JUST SIT BACK AND WAIT
IF HE'S SAFE, THEN WHY HASN'T HE CONTACTED US? IT'S ALREADY GETTING DARK OUTSIDE

THE PAST FEW DAYS, SHIOON-NIM SEEMED DEPRESSED ABOUT A FEW THINGS.
I THOUGHT I'D LIKE TO BE ALONE, SO I LEFT HIM ALONE ON PURPOSE, BUT..
IT WAS MY MISTAKE
!
....
LOOKING BACK ON IT, I DON'T KNOW WHY
YES. IT'S BEEN 4 HOURS ALREADY. MOST LIKELY, HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED.
WHAT? THE KID IS MISSING?!!
THEN WHAT'RE WE SITTING AROUND FOR?! WE GOTTA CONTACT THE SUNWOO CLAN AND ..
PLEASE CALM DOWN. IF WE WERE TO DO THAT, WE'D BE PLAYING RIGHT INTO THEIR HANDS.
!

OUR ENEMY IS NOT TO BE UNDER-ESTIMATED!
IT COULD VERY WELL BE THAT THEY ARE HOPING FOR THE SUNWOO CLAN AND THE MARTIAL ARTS ALLIANCE TO CLASH.
BUT IF WE JUST LEAVE THIS ALONE...
IF ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF SHIOON-NIM'S SAFETY, WE NEED TO DO THIS SECRETLY IF THE SUNWOO CLAN MAKES A MOVE,
THEY MIGHT KILL SHIOON-NIM RIGHT AWAY IN ORDER TO GET RID OF ANY EVIDENCE.
SEEING AS HOW THEY PULLED OFF SUCH A BOLD MOVE, I'M SURE THEY HAVE SOME ULTERIOR MOTIVE BEHIND ALL THIS
.....
HEY ISN'T IT GETTING A BIT DANGEROUS FOR YOU? IF YOU NEED HELP, THEN I CAN.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I CONTACTED YOU.
I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO FIND SHIOON-NIM.
AND... THAT'S WHY I CAME OVER HERE, BUT...
AND HA-IL-NIM, YOU MUST PREVENT THIS MATTER FROM SPREADING ALL THROUGHOUT THE SUNWOO CLAN.

I MAY BE REPRIMANDED LATER, BUT RIGHT NOW I SHOULD CONTACT THE ELDERS AND.
BEEP
I REALLY CAN'T DO THIS.
TAKT
!
WITHOUT KNOWING THE SITUATION, THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH I CAN HOLD OUT AGAINST SUCH AN AGITATED GUY.
TAP TAP TAP

AND HOW MUCH LONGER IS THAT GOING TO BE?
H– HEY! HOLD ON!
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT A LITTLE BIT MORE, DIDN'T I?!
GRRRRRRRING

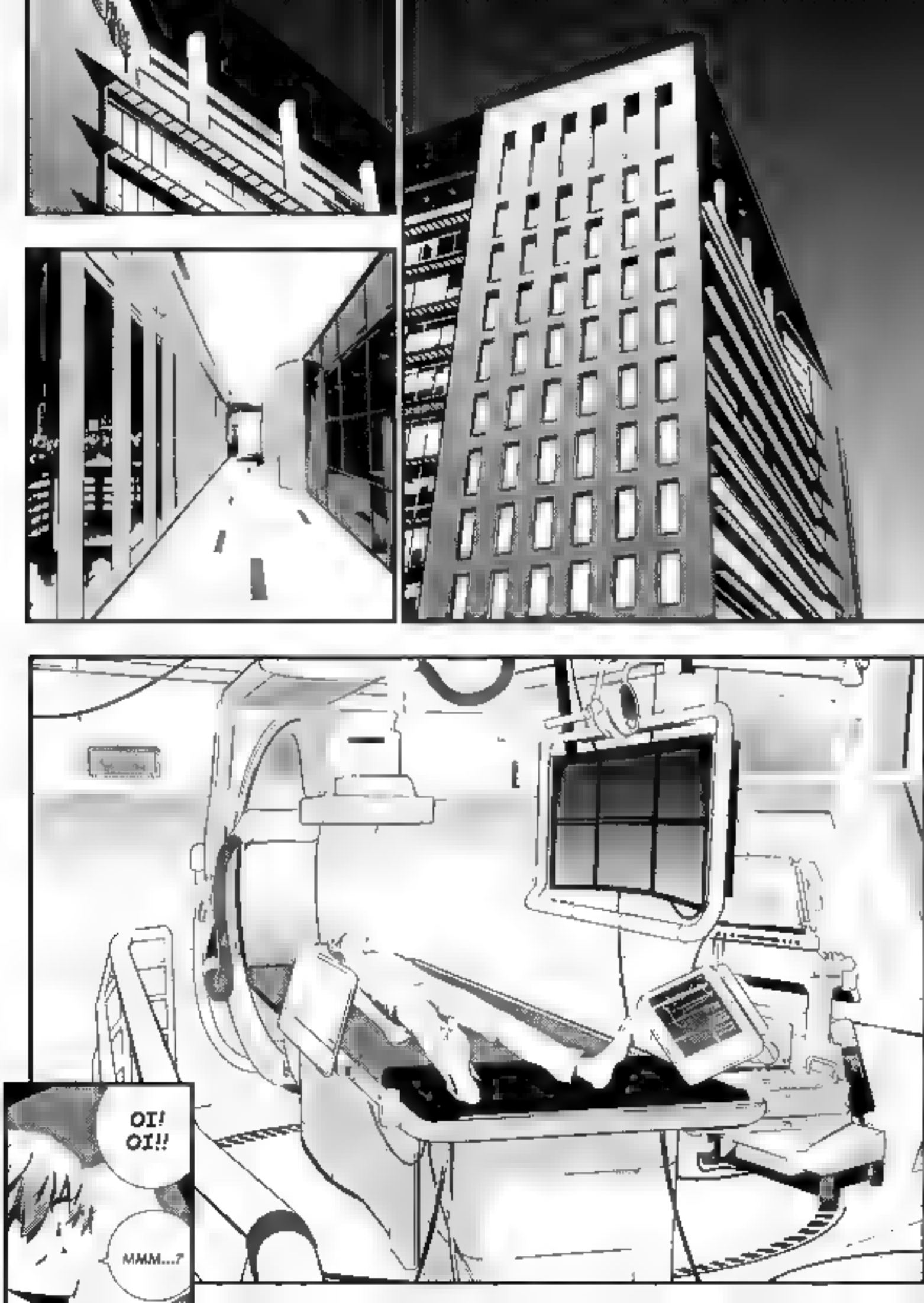
OI, LET'S GO. WE KNOW WHERE HE IS!
SUUK
WHAT?
WHAT?
JUST HOLD ON!

HOLLYS CO
HOLLYS COFFEE
WHERE IS HE?
APPARENTLY AT A SUN AND MOON SCHOOL BUILDING WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

HUH?
OI! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! WEREN'T YOU IN A HURRY?
EVEN SO, I SHOULD LET MISS JINIE KNOW SHE'S BEEN WORRIED THE WHOLE DAY
P- PLEASE GIVE ME ONE SECOND.

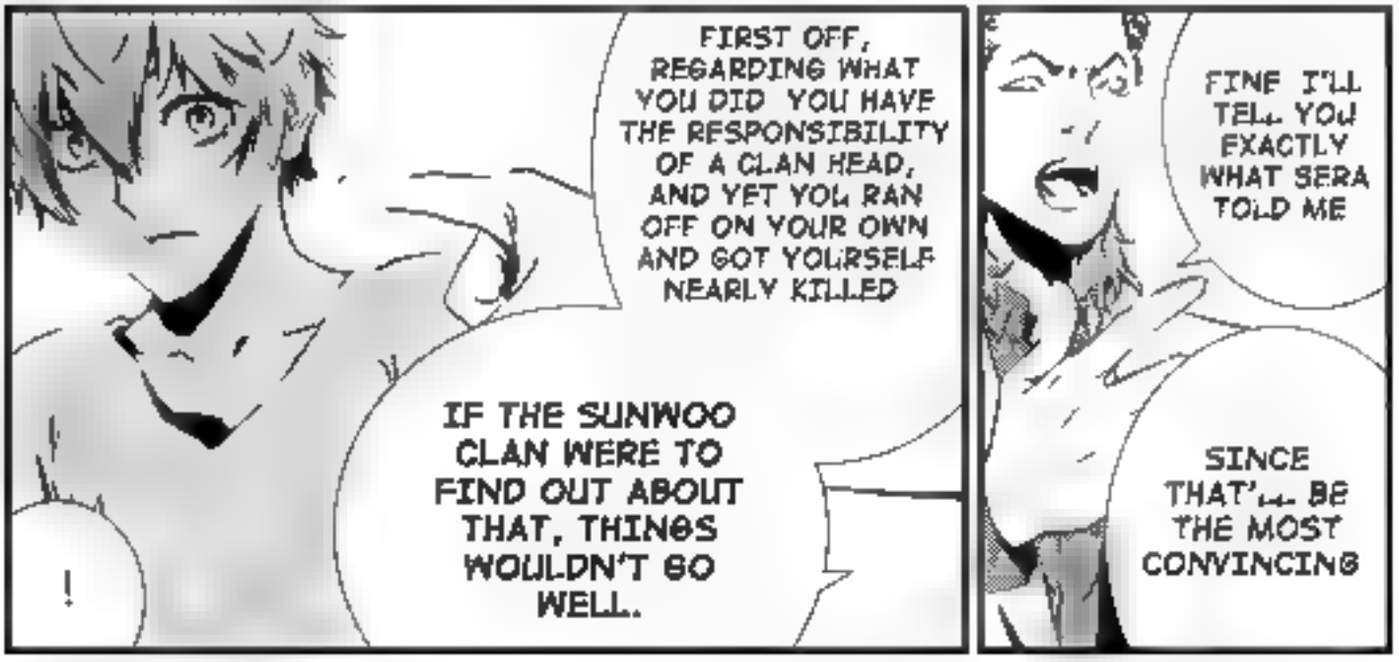
.....
AH.. I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS BUT THAT'S JUST ME, RIGHT?
W- WAIT THIS MATTER YOU MEAN JINIE KNOWS ABOUT IT AS WELL?
YES, SHE KNOWS.

THEY FOUND HIM, GRANDPA!
WHAT? YOU FOUND HIM? REALLY?
THAT'S REALLY GOOD NEWS.
SUUK
HUH? WHAT ??
KOOOOH
SO. NOT EVEN MADE AWARE THAT HE WAS OUT OF CONTACT FOR A WHOLE DAY
AND I'M JUST FINDING OUT ABOUT IT WHILE VISITING MY GRANDDAUGHTER IN THE HOSPITAL. I WONDER, WHEREVER CAN OUR DEAR CLAN HEAD BE AT THIS MOMENT??
RUUUMBLE
YEAH IT'S JUST ME BEING SILLY, THAT'S ALL!
HUH?


OI!
OI!!
MMM...?

A-
AHJUSSI
. ?
OH.. SORRY
ABOUT THAT I
REALLY SHOULD
LET YOU REST,
BUT THE
CIRCUMSTANCES
WON'T ALLOW IT
WAKE UP
ALREADY
!
OH, THIS IS
THE SUN AND
MOON SCHOOL'S
SPECIAL
TREATMENT
ROOM.
WHERE..
AM I?
!
AHHHH.
THAT MISSY IS
FINE WE GOT
HER TO THE
HOSPITAL ON
TIME, AND
THE SURGERY
WENT WELL.
AH!!
SERA
NOONA!
WHAT
ABOUT
HER?
YEAH AND
ABOVE ALL
ELSE, MAKE
SURE TO
REMEMBER
THAT SERA WAS
THE ONE WHO
SUGGESTED IT
FIRST, AND
THAT I ONLY
WENT ALONG
WITH HER.
DEAL?
YOU
PROBABLY
HAVE A LOT OF
QUESTIONS,
BUT LET'S
TALK ABOUT
OUR DEAL
FIRST
LET ME
INTRODUCE
MYSELF
I'M HEO
WON-JAE,
HEAD OF THE
SUN AND
MOON
SCHOOL.

AH DARN IT TRYING TO EXPLAIN IT ALL TO SOMEONE WHO JUST WOKE UP IS JUST
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
FIRST, I WANT YOU TO KEEP TODAY'S EVENTS A SECRET, AND MAKE SURE TO KEEP YOUR STORY IN LINE WITH MINE.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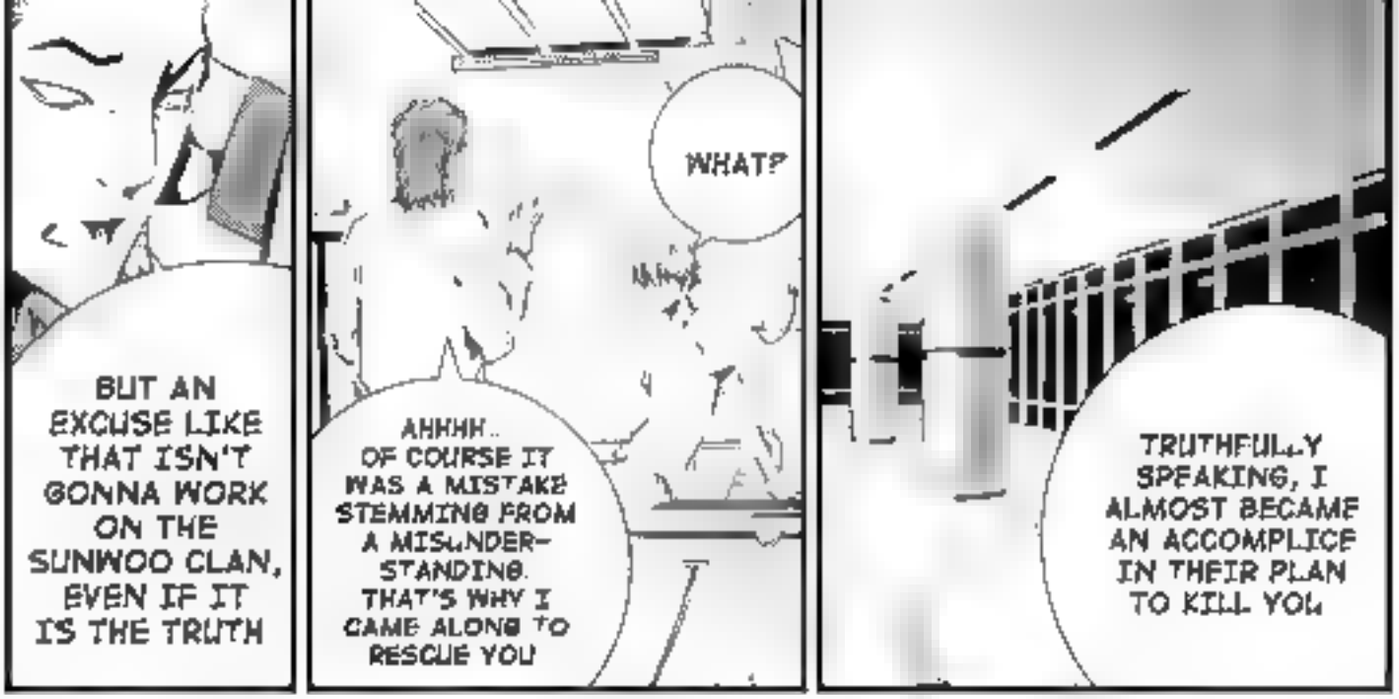
FIRST OFF, REGARDING WHAT YOU DID YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A CLAN HEAD, AND YET YOU RAN OFF ON YOUR OWN AND GOT YOURSELF NEARLY KILLED
IF THE SUNWOO CLAN WERE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THAT, THINGS WOULDN'T GO WELL.
FINE I'LL TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT SERA TOLD ME
SINCE THAT'LL BE THE MOST CONVINCING

[*- "UNCLE", ADDRESSING AN OLDER MAN]

MMM UH... UM... ABOUT THAT ..
BUT WHY WOULD YOU BE WORRIED ABOUT THAT, AHJUSSI*? ARE YOU SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO WHAT HAPPENED?
DARN IT, I'M GONNA BE HONEST HERE.
HUH?


BUT AN EXCUSE LIKE THAT ISN'T GONNA WORK ON THE SUNWOO CLAN, EVEN IF IT IS THE TRUTH
AHHHH.. OF COURSE IT WAS A MISTAKE STEMMING FROM A MISUNDER-STANDING. THAT'S WHY I CAME ALONG TO RESCUE YOU
WHAT?
TRUTHFULLY SPEAKING, I ALMOST BECAME AN ACCOMPLICE IN THEIR PLAN TO KILL YOU

NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION?
THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU ABOUT IT, BEFORE SEEING THE SUNWOO CLAN

!
GOOD, SO WE HAVE A DEAL THEN.
OKAY, HE'S REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, SO TELL THEM TO COME IN.
?
HAAH. IT'S A BIT OVERWHELMING AND ALL, BUT YOU DID SAVE ME AND SERA NOONA, SO I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT

KER-THUNK
AH!
GREETINGS TO THE CLAN HEAD-NIM!
WHAT'S WRONG? IS THERE SOMETHING THE MATTER...?
N- NO, NOTHING'S WRONG
ARGH... AHJUSSI, HOW COULD YOU LET THE ELDERS IN SO SUDDENLY? WE DIDN'T GET OUR STORY STRAIGHT YET, DID WE?!
H- HOW... WHY ARE YOU ALL HERE...?

PLEASE, IT WAS ENTIRELY MY PLEASURE. I'M THE ONE THAT'S GRATEFUL FOR THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE SUNWOO CLAN.
HAAH... WELL, WELL. YOU CERTAINLY HAVE MY GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOUR TROUBLES
???
DIDN'T I TELL YOU? DUE TO THE AFTER-EFFECTS OF THE DRUG TESTING, HE'S BOUND TO FEEL A LITTLE DAZED AND OUT OF IT TEMPORARILY
!
!
FOR YOU TO MARCH IN AND DEMAND THAT THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL FIX YOUR KI-CENTER, WITHOUT EVEN DISCUSSING IT WITH US FIRST .! IT'S RATHER UNBEFITTING OF A CLAN HEAD
!
STILL, DON'T YOU THINK YOU WENT TOO FAR, CLAN HEAD-NIM?
YES?
FOR GOODNESS' SAKE! WATCH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, WE'RE AT THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL!
AH . UH... UM.
CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW ANXIOUS THE CLAN HEAD MUST HAVE BEEN ALL THIS TIME, FOR HIM TO COME HERE ALL ON HIS OWN?! AIN'T THAT RIGHT?!
AH . ABOUT THAT.
WELL, I DON'T WANT TO PUT IT IN SUCH FEW WORDS...
WELL, IN ANY CASE, IT'S GOOD NEWS THAT THERE IS SOME HOPE, ISN'T IT?
WELL, ANYONE WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME, I SAY!

ARE YOU SAYING THAT I COULD DO MARTIAL ARTS ONCE AGAIN?
WHAT? WHAT DID YOU
SINCE THE RECOVERY OF A BROKEN KI CENTER IS EASY AS SAID THAN DONE
OH, YES
THE TREATMENT JUST BEGAN, SO IT WON'T BE RIGHT AWAY BUT AFTER SOME TIME, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO MARTIAL ARTS LIKE BEFORE

HM?
HUH?
FLOW
T- THANK YOU.

THANK YOU— VERY MUCH.

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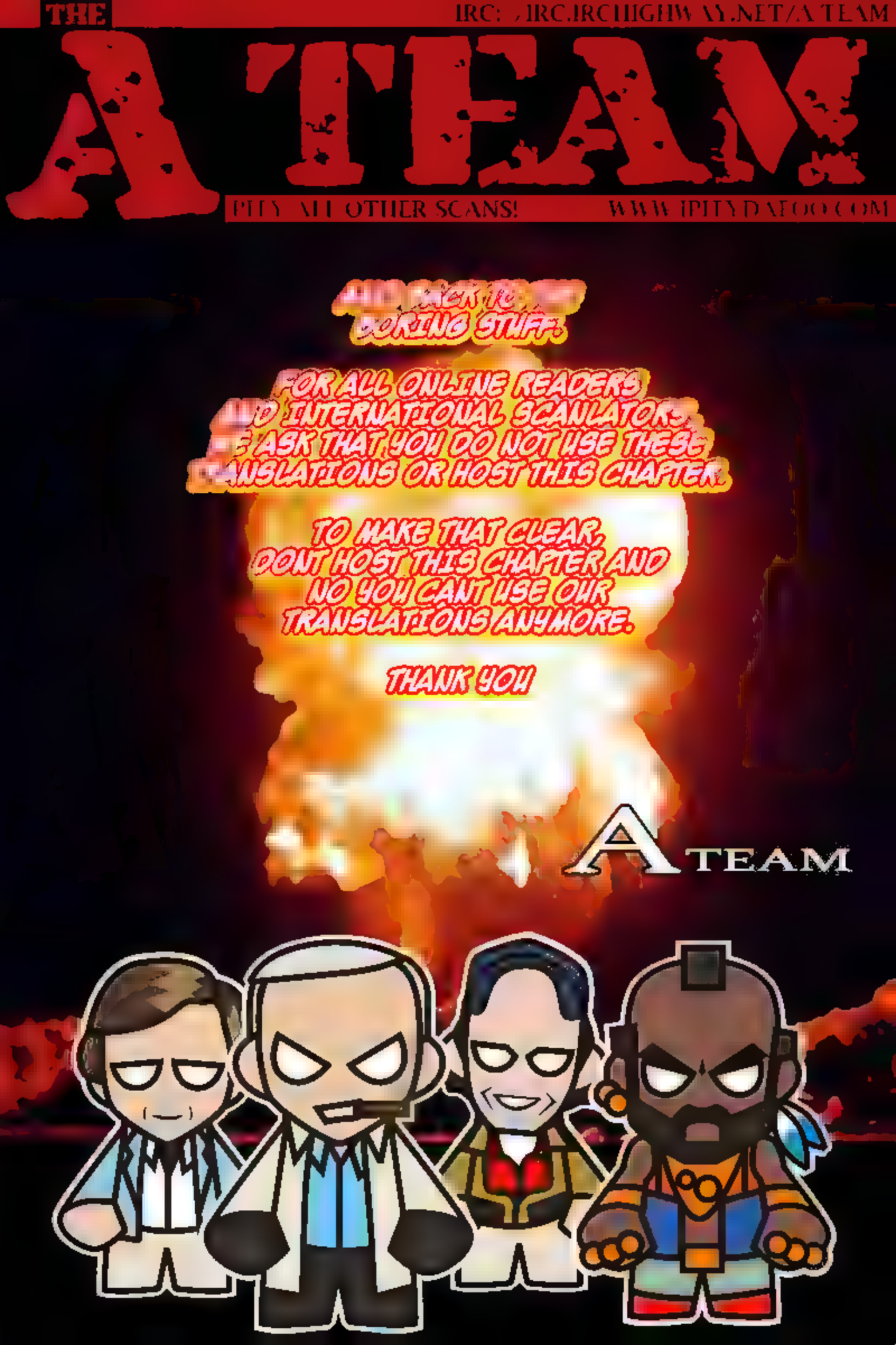


WHIRRRR
I BID YOU SAFE TRAVEL, AND I'LL BE SURE TO BRING BACK THE CLAN HEAD AS SOON AS HE BECOMES STABLE.
WELL, THEN...
BUT WHY DO YOU ALL LOOK SO.
HAHAHA, WE RUSHED OVER ALL WORRIED, BUT ISN'T IT GREAT? THE CLAN HEAD IS GOING TO REGAIN HIS MARTIAL
HUH?
WHAT A LAID-BACK GUY.
WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
MY MAN, YOU STILL HAVEN'T REALIZED IT, AFTER THE STRINGS OF LIES FROM THAT SUN AND MOON SCHOOL HEAD?
THERE'S NO END TO THE LIST OF THINGS THAT ARE SUSPICIOUS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, ELDER KWON?
AHHH

T- THAT BASTARD, HE WAS TRYING TO DECEIVE US?! WHY, I OUGHTA!
WHAT?
AND THE CLAN HEAD-NIM, AS HE SAT THERE LISTENING, DIDN'T ACT LIKE SOMEONE WHO'D LOST HIS MEMORY.
PLUS, YOU COULD STILL MAKE OUT FAINT WOUND MARKS ALL OVER HIS BODY.
ACCORDING TO HIM, THE CLAN HEAD-NIM CAME TO HIM FIRST,
BUT HOW COULD THE CLAN HEAD FORGET THAT FACT, OF ALL THINGS?
!
ENOUGH.
BUT I'D LIKE YOU TO FIND OUT ON YOUR OWN WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED HERE, ELDER KIM.
YES, I UNDERSTAND
THEN THAT MEANS...?
SINCE HE WANTS US TO BELIEVE THIS DECEPTION, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD GO ALONG WITH IT
THE CLAN HEAD-NIM'S SILENCE MEANT THAT HE WAS SILENTLY GOING ALONG WITH IT

PLEASE ARRANGE SOME CLOSED-DOOR TRAINING FOR HIM, AT YOUR DISCRETION, ELDER JEON
YES, SIR...
AND WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT YI BYOO-BUM?
I THINK HE'S DUE FOR SOME TRAINING, SEEING AS HOW HE'S MADE TOO MANY MISTAKES RECENTLY.
DING
SUUK
WHIRRRR

CH-CHUK

CHUK

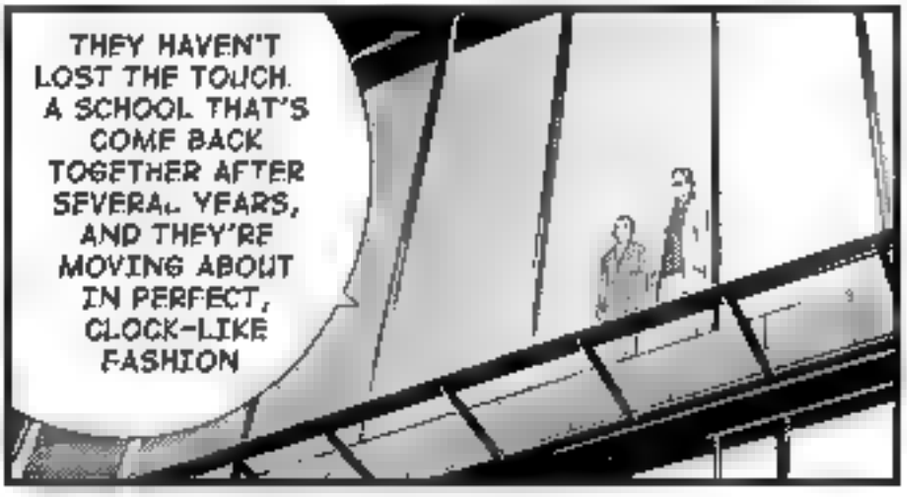
OUR RESPECT TO THE FOUR ELDERS OF THE SUNWOO CLAN!!

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR OUR OUTING! LET'S HEAD BACK.

AS YOU COMMAND!!

WHAT A RELIEF TO SEE THEM HEAD BACK WITHOUT ANY INCIDENTS.

CHF I DON'T KNOW IF WHAT I'M DOING IS RIGHT
SIR?


THEY HAVEN'T LOST THE TOUCH. A SCHOOL THAT'S COME BACK TOGETHER AFTER SEVERAL YEARS, AND THEY'RE MOVING ABOUT IN PERFECT, CLOCK-LIKE FASHION

AT THIS RATE, IF I DON'T FIX THAT KID'S KI-CENTER PROPERLY, THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL'S EXISTENCE WILL HANG IN THE BALANCE.
HUUU.

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WHY DID YOU DO IT?
IT'S JUST AS I'VE TOLD YOU. WE HAD A MATCH, AND I LOST.
WHY DID YOU LET THAT GUY GO?
SHF
OOOM

CRUMBLE
ARE YOU TAKING ME FOR A FOOL?

AND THAT YOU COULD HAVE EASILY CAUGHT HIM AGAIN, DESPITE YOUR INJURIES!!
I HEARD FROM THE REPORTS ALREADY, THAT HE WAS ALREADY HALF-DEAD BY THEN!

ANSWER ME! I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU DON'T ANSWER!
I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN. WHY DID YOU LET HIM GO?

TOO MUCH OF A WASTE TO KILL OFF.
HE WAS...
A WASTE TO KILL OFF? YOU MEAN THAT IDIOT?
FOR THE SAKE OF THAT GOAL, I THOUGHT I COULD USE ANY MEANS AT MY DISPOSAL.
BUT THAT GUY WAS DIFFERENT.
THE REASON I'M WITH THE S.U.C IS THAT I WANT TO MAKE A MORE PERFECT MURIM, UNDER GOOMOON-RYONG-NIM'S GUIDANCE

AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHY HE'S AN IDIOT!
THAT GUY NO MATTER WHAT SITUATION HE WAS IN, HE FOUGHT BY CHARGING IN HEADFIRST, WITHOUT BEING LED ASTRAY BY TRICKS OR ANY OTHER MEANS.
THAT'S RIGHT. HE TRULY IS AN IDIOT.
HOWEVER I REALIZED THAT HIS WAY OF DOING THINGS WAS THE WAY OF THE MURIM THAT I'D BEEN ENVISIONING ALL ALONG.
AND EVEN WHEN SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES, HE REQUESTED A ONE-ON-ONE MATCH, WITHOUT ANY HESITATION
AFTER FACING HIM, I BEGAN TO HAVE DOUBTS. ABOUT WHETHER THE ENDS REALLY JUSTIFIED THE MEANS...

SHUT IT!
YOU'RE ONE OF THE FIVE CAPTAINS OF THE S.U.C, BEFORE YOU ARE A MURIM-IN* ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE GONNA BETRAY THE S.U.C.?
!
NO! YOU'RE WRONG!
[*- SOMEONE OF THE MURIM WORLD]
I'M A MURIM-IN, BEFORE I AM A CAPTAIN OF THE S.U.C AND THAT IS WHY I WON'T REGRET MY DECISION IN THAT MATCH.
YOU.

KOOOOOM
DO YOU... REALLY WANT TO DIE?
AHHH. PLEASE, CALM DOWN PLEASE!

WHY DON'T YOU CALL IT A DAY, AND RETURN, GROUP HEAD-NIM? SINCE YOU HEARD HIS REASON, LIKE YOU WANTED
ISN'T IT GETTING A LITTLE BIT TOO SERIOUS RIGHT NOW?
CHEH!
GROUP HEAD-NIM ..
AHHH AND THERE YOU HAVE YOUR ORDER FROM OUR GROUP HEAD-NIM WHY DON'T YOU HEAD IN AND REST?
YOU ARE TO STAND-BY, UNTIL YOU HAVE FURTHER ORDERS!

FROM THE MOMENT I JOINED YOU, I ENTRUSTED MY LIFE TO YOU AS WELL.

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AND SO, PLEASE REMEMBER, SIR, WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING THIS FIGHT FOR.

ANYWAY, IT SEEMS WE MISSED A GOOD CHANCE. PERHAPS WE'D BETTER GIVE UP ON TRYING TO GET RID OF HIM

NO.

DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT HIM HE MIGHT BE RATHER PIGHEADED, BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY HE'S TRUSTWORTHY, RIGHT?

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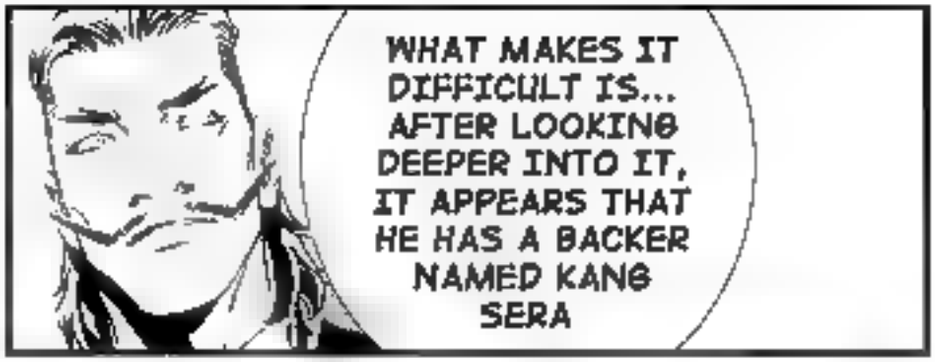
IT'LL BE DIFFICULT, AFTER THE RECENT INCIDENT...
WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT THE S.U.C., IF WE CAN'T GET RID OF ONE, SINGLE IDIOT LIKE THAT?!

I'LL KILL HIM! NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES...

KANG
WHO?


WHAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT IS... AFTER LOOKING DEEPER INTO IT, IT APPEARS THAT HE HAS A BACKER NAMED KANG SERA

THE NEW HEAD OF THE MIL-YANG SCHOOL, SHE WAS WELL-KNOWN FOR HER UNUSUAL CLEVERNESS SINCE HER CHILDHOOD.

WHY DIDN'T WE PULL HER IN TO OUR SIDE, IF SHE WAS SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE PERSON?
THERE ARE THOSE IN THE MURIM WHO ARE CONCERNED,
THAT AFTER SHE BECAME THE HEAD, THE MIL-YANG SCHOOL HAS BECOME MANY TIMES MORE INFLUENTIAL.
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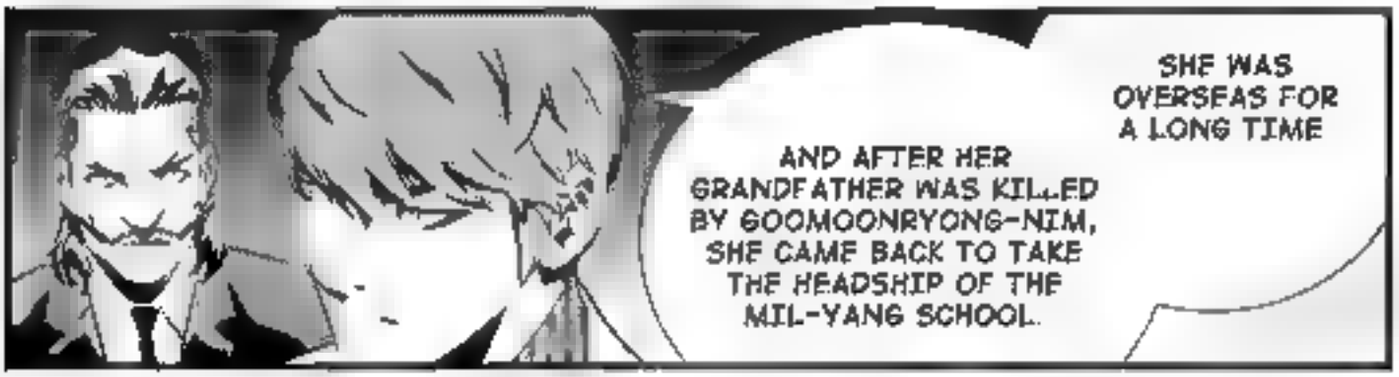

SHE WAS OVERSEAS FOR A LONG TIME
AND AFTER HER GRANDFATHER WAS KILLED BY GOOMOONRYONG-NIM, SHE CAME BACK TO TAKE THE HEADSHIP OF THE MIL-YANG SCHOOL.

YI SHIOON, WHAT ABOUT HIM?
HE, TOO .. BECAUSE OF GOOMOON-RYONG-NIM'S..

NO, HOLD ON... BUT THEN ..

IF THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH HER AND GOOMOON-RYONG-NIM. DAMMIT, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT
THAT'S RIGHT.

BEEP BEEP
BEEP
M-
MMM!
WHERE
AM I?
AT OUR
OWN
HOSPITAL?
IF
THAT'S THE
CASE..

DOES IT MEAN SHIOON-NIM ENDED UP RESCUING ME FROM THAT SITUATION?

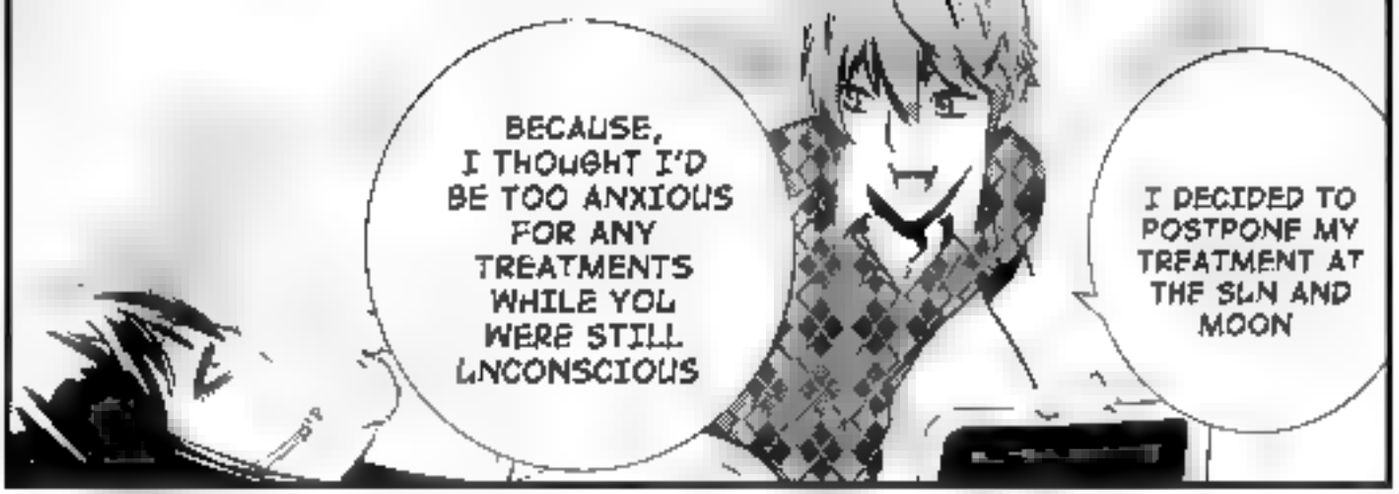
IN ANY CASE, ME BEING HERE MUST MEAN THAT SHIOON-NIM IS AT THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?

IT'S UNBELIEVABLE.
OF COURSE THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL HELPED, BUT HOW... FROM THAT SORT OF SITUATION...

AFTER SO MANY TWISTS AND TURNS,
GETTING SHIOON-NIM TOGETHER WITH THE SUN AND MOON WAS A SUCCESS...

!
I WAS LONESOME... AND I DIDN'T WANT TO LET GO OF SHIOON-NIM .. BUT THEN I LET THIS HAPPEN .
D- DARN IT... I SUDDENLY REMEMBERED THAT.
BLUSH
I GUESS I CAN AVOID SHIOON-NIM FOR A WHILE, THEN SEE HIM AGAIN WHILE PRETENDING NOTHING'S HAPPENED.. YEAH, THAT SHOULD WORK.
WHATEVER... I WON'T BE SEEING HIM ANYWAYS WHILE HE'S BEING TREATED AT THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL .
NO MATTER HOW OUT OF IT I WAS AT THE TIME... WHY DID I SAY THAT? NOW I CAN'T FACE SHIOON-NIM..
UN-DUN UN-DUN

AH! SERA NOONA! YOU'RE AWAKE?
CLICK
HUH?
.....
AWW, I WAS GONNA SURPRISE YOU WITH THAT, BUT I GUESS NOT
HUH? HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT, SERA NOONA?
UM, WHY ARE YOU HERE, SHIOON-NIM? YOUR KI-CENTER TREATMENT AT THE SUN AND MOON.


BECAUSE, I THOUGHT I'D BE TOO ANXIOUS FOR ANY TREATMENTS WHILE YOU WERE STILL UNCONSCIOUS
I DECIDED TO POSTPONE MY TREATMENT AT THE SUN AND MOON

AND, YOU TOLD ME BACK THEN, SERA NOONA
THAT YOU WERE LONESOME, SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD BE BY YOUR SIDE WHEN YOU OPENED YOUR EYES...

.....
FWOOOSH

UM. I'M FINE. SO WOULD YOU PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE?
SERA NOONA! ARE YOU OKAY?? YOUR FACE IS ALL RED!
AHHHH~ I WANNA DIE
HUH?

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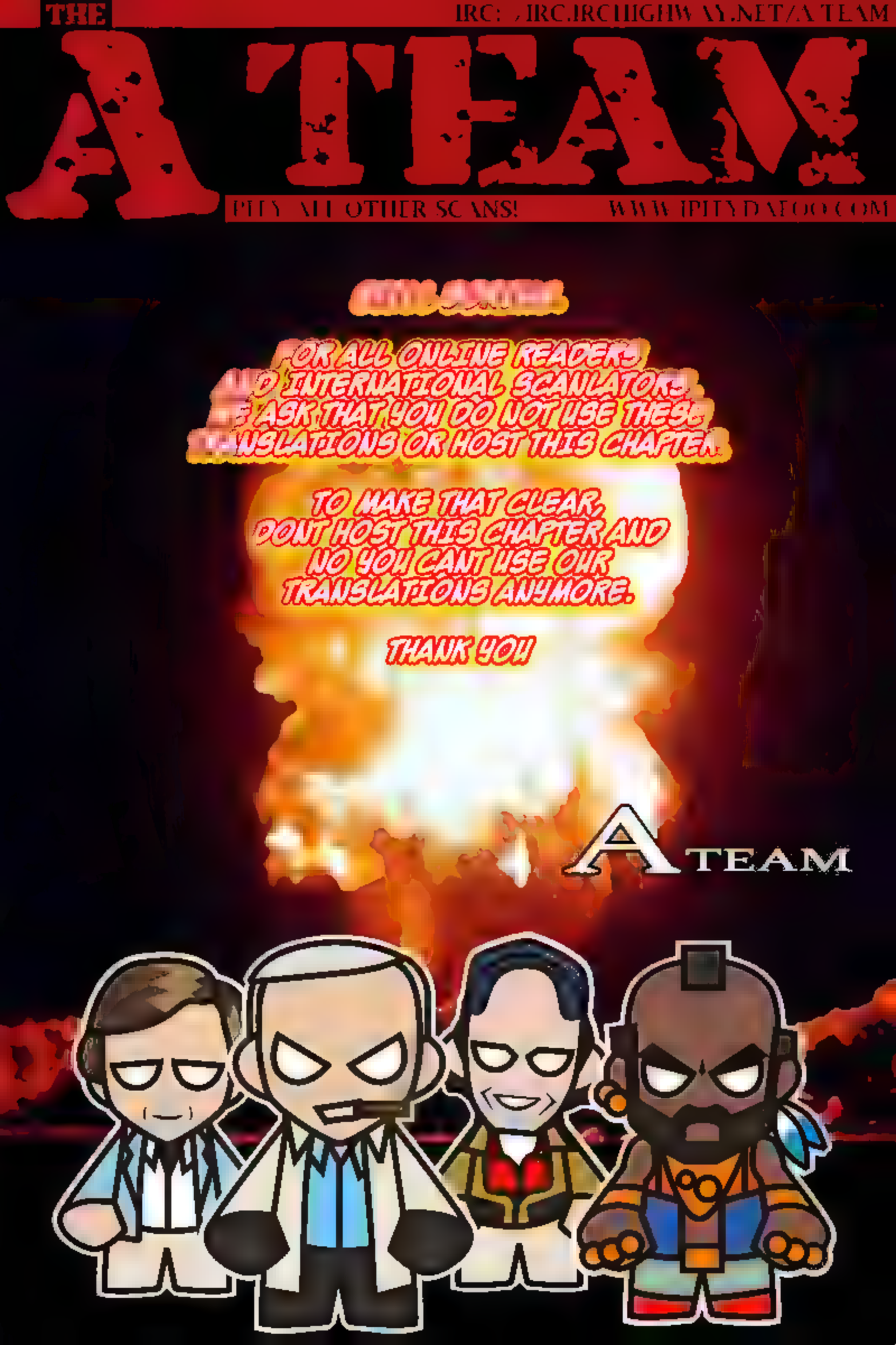

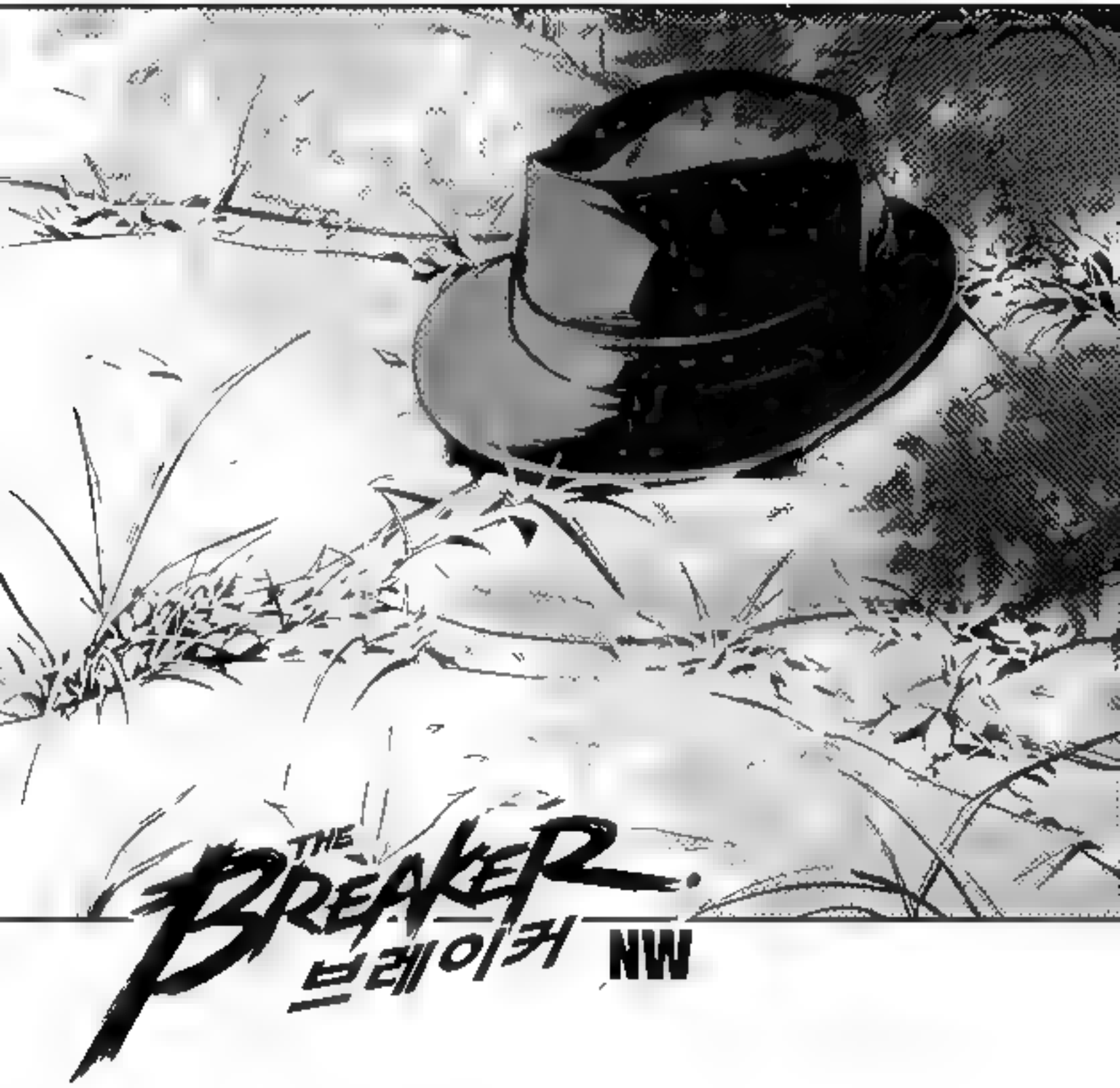
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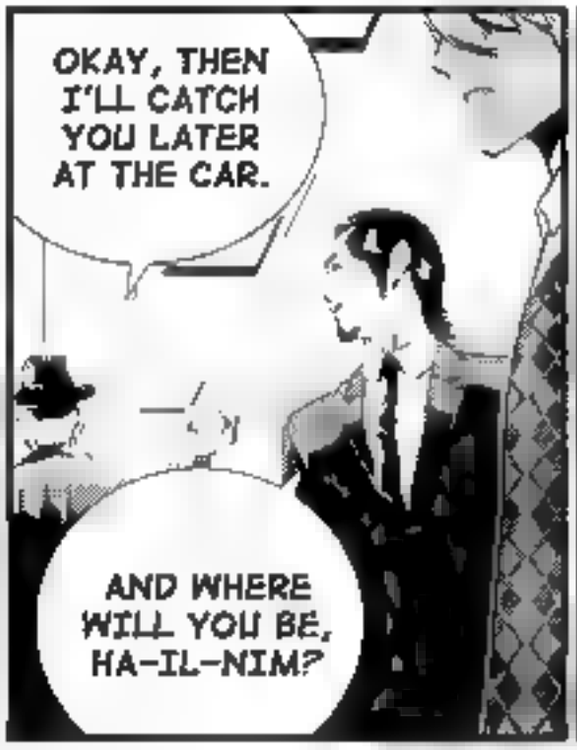
HUH?
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE? YOU NOT HAPPY WITH ME HERE?
N- NO, THAT'S NOT IT BUT WHY HERE, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
IT'S AN ORDER FROM ELDER KWON! I'M YOUR BODYGUARD FOR NOW, SO KEEP THAT IN MIND.
HUH???
THAT GUY'S GETTIN' DISCIPLINED. YOU WON'T BE SEEING HIM AROUND FOR A WHILE.
UM .. THEN WHAT ABOUT GYOO-BUM AHJUSSI*?

[*- "UNCLE", TO ADDRESS OR REFER TO AN OLDER MAN]

ANYWAY, YOU'RE GONNA GO SEE YOUR MOTHER, NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, RIGHT?

OH, I OWE HER FOR THE TIME I WAS IN HERE, SO I SHOULD AT LEAST SAY GOODBYE TO THE SCHOOL HEAD MISSY


OKAY, THEN I'LL CATCH YOU LATER AT THE CAR.
AND WHERE WILL YOU BE, HA-IL-NIM?

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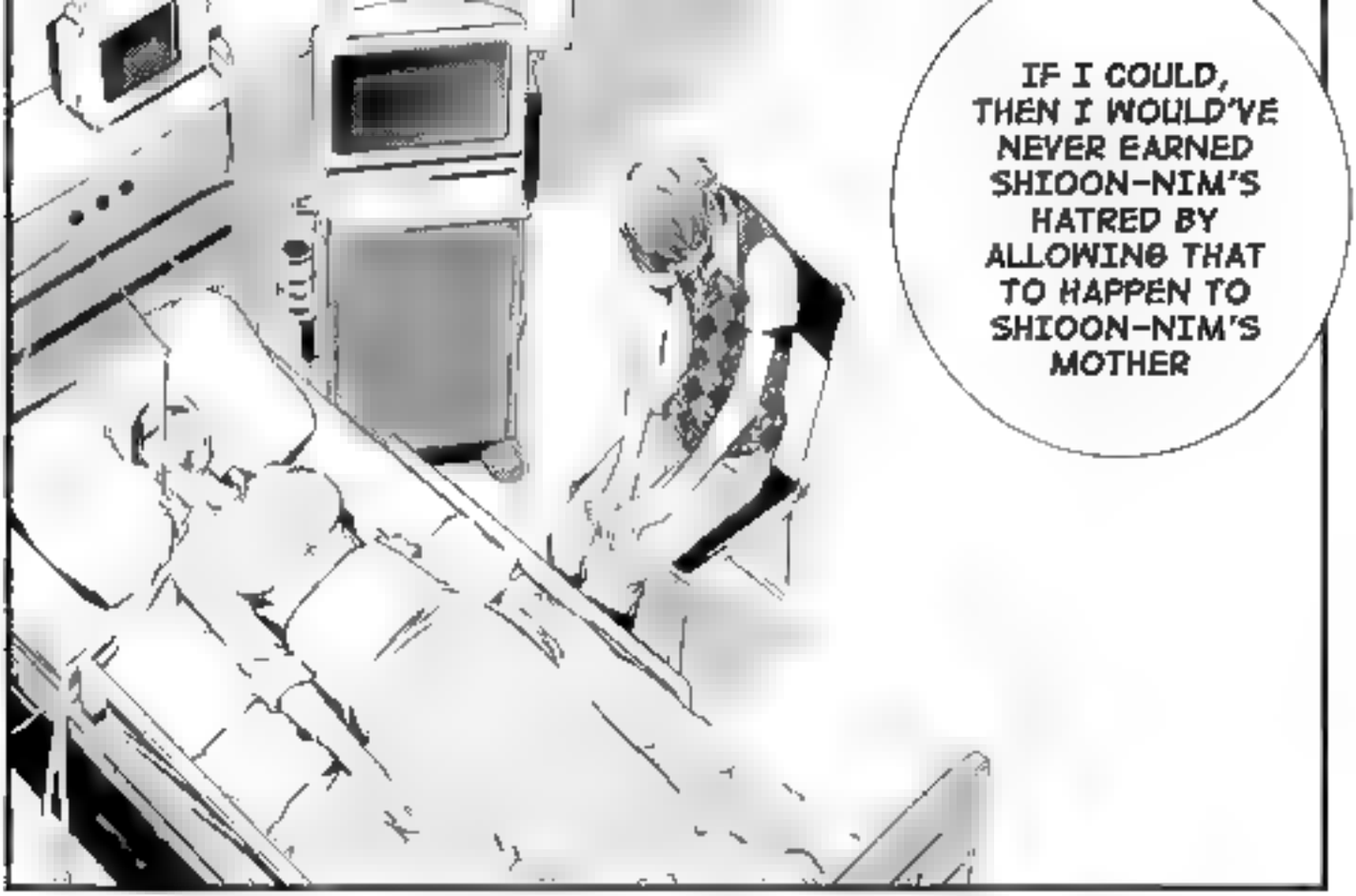
YES..

IT WAS A COMPLETE AND TOTAL LOSS.

KNOCK KNOCK
IF YOU'RE LIKE THAT, EVEN I'LL HAVE A TOUGH TIME RESISTING, Y'KNOW...

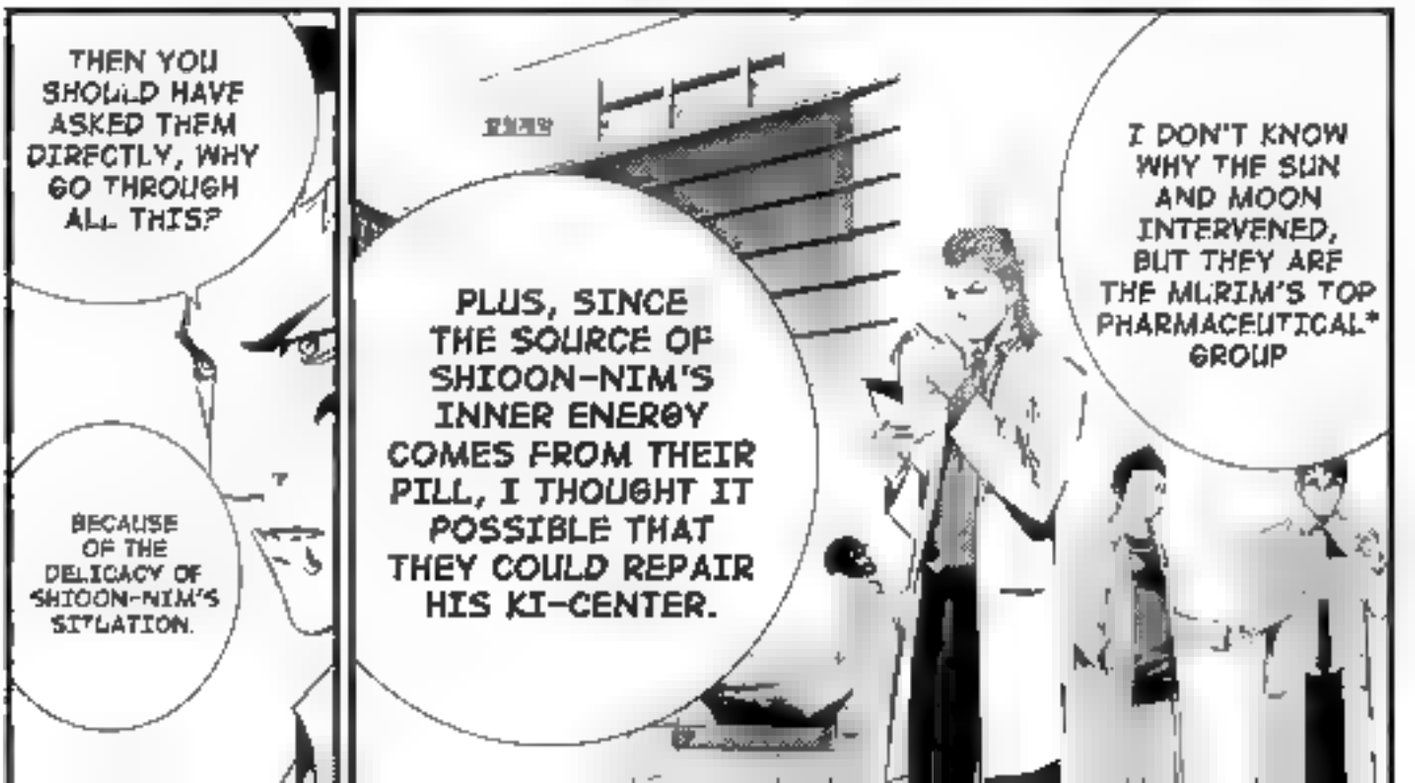
.....
HI~! I CAME TO SAY GOODBYE.
GUUK
LIKE I THOUGHT, YOUR REINSTATEMENT SEEMS TO HAVE COME THROUGH.
AHH .. YEAH, IT WAS JUST LIKE YOU SAID.
FINE. LET ME ASK YOU.
CHE! YOU'RE NOT CUTE AT ALL, Y'KNOW.
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE HERE TO ASK ME SOMETHING, RATHER THAN TO SAY GOODBYE.
!

!
JUST HOW FAR HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING AHEAD IN ALL OF THIS?
.....
DON'T TELL ME YOU EVEN HAD THIS MEETING RIGHT NOW PLANNED OUT FROM BEFORE?!
...
WHEN I LOOK AT YOUR ACTIONS SO FAR, IT FEELS LIKE YOU'D HAD IT ALL PLANNED OUT
BUT EVEN I CAN'T PREDICT EACH AND EVERY UNEXPECTED INCIDENT.
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT, TO A CERTAIN DEGREE.



BACK THEN, BAE SEUNG-JAE WAS FISHY, SO I HAD HIM TAILED . AND REALIZED HIS CONNECTION TO THE SUN AND MOON.
THEN, THE THING WITH THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL.. ?
THAT WAS JUST BEING LUCKY

[*- "WEH DAN", LIT "EXTERNAL, MEDICINE BALL/PILL"]


THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE ASKED THEM DIRECTLY, WHY GO THROUGH ALL THIS?
BECAUSE OF THE DELICACY OF SHIOON-NIM'S SITUATION.
PLUS, SINCE THE SOURCE OF SHIOON-NIM'S INNER ENERGY COMES FROM THEIR PILL, I THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT THEY COULD REPAIR HIS KI-CENTER.
I DON'T KNOW WHY THE SUN AND MOON INTERVENED, BUT THEY ARE THE MURIM'S TOP PHARMACEUTICAL* GROUP

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ASK, LET ALONE EXPECT A CLAN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE ALLIANCE, SUCH AS THE SUN AND MOON, TO HELP SHIOON-NIM
SHIOON-NIM IS THE DISCIPLE OF THE @OOMOONRYONG THAT SHATTERED THE MARTIAL ARTS ALLIANCE, AND ALSO THE NEW HEAD OF THE SUNWOO CLAN, WHICH IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE ALLIANCE

SO THE SUN AND MOON CLAN TREATING THAT KID IT WAS JUST AN ON-THE-SPOT CONCOCTION??
I TOLD YOU, WE WERE LUCKY. OUR @AMBLE PAID OFF.
BUT THEN WE UNCOVERED CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF AN ILLEGAL DEAL BETWEEN BAE AND THE HEAD OF THE SUN AND MOON THEN IT TOOK A TURN IN AN UNEXPECTED DIRECTION

IN ONE SENSE, THE BIGGEST REASON FOR OUR GAMBLE SUCCEEDING WAS SHIOON-NIM'S ACTION, WHICH WAS UNEXPECTED
DO YOU LIKE SHIOON?

WELL, THAT'S ONE OF MY CHARM POINTS, THEY SAY.
...
!
I FIND SHIOON-NIM TO BE ATTRACTIVE.
I..
ATTRACTIVE? THAT IMBECILE??

I LOST MY PARENTS EARLY ON DUE TO CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL'S INNER FACTIONS.
FROM THEN ON, I GREW UP IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE I MIGHT DIE IF I COULDN'T READ OTHERS' MINDS QUICKLY.

I LEARNED FAST HOW TO BEHAVE, HOW TO SURVIVE IN THEIR MIDST. AND I WAS ABLE TO READ MOST PEOPLE'S MINDS, AND ACT IN A CALCULATING FASHION.

AND... WHAT I WAS LEFT WITH, IN THE END, WAS A SENSE OF DISTRUST TOWARDS PEOPLE.

COWARDLY, AND WEAK... THAT'S HOW PEOPLE ARE.

FOR THEIR OWN GAIN, NO MATTER HOW SMALL IT MAY BE, THEY WOULDN'T BAT AN EYELASH BEFORE MAKING OTHERS SUFFER... BEFORE TAKING OTHERS' LIVES.

BUT SHIOON-NIM WAS DIFFERENT.
HE WENT WAY BEYOND MY CALCULATION, WITH HIS FOOLISHNESS AND RECKLESSNESS AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO TRUST AND DEPEND ON HIM UNCONDITIONALLY LIKE A CHILD

....
I'M SORRY I MADE YOU TALK SO MUCH YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
AHH .. YUP. YOU'VE SAID MORE THAN ENOUGH.
WHAT?
I KNOW YOU CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT HER
I LIKE THE IDEA OF FAIR-PLAY ESPECIALLY AGAINST THE PERSON WHO GAVE YOU THAT HAT
DO YOU KNOW WHY I TOLD YOU ALL THIS?
IT'S QUITE SIMPLE
THIS HAT HOW DID YOU..
BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY SINCE SHIOON-NIM HASN'T MADE UP HIS MIND YET
...

AND IF I DIDN'T KNOW WHO THAT WAS, THEN I WOULD BE AN IDIOT ISN'T THAT SO?
FOR A STYLISH MAN LIKE HA-IL-NIM TO CARE FOR SUCH A WORN-OUT HAT, IT MUST BE FROM SOMEONE PRECIOUS TO YOU.
?
ARE YOU JINIE, THE ONE WHO JUST GOT HERE?
!

THEY WEREN'T KIDDING WHEN THEY SAID YOU LOOK LIKE LADY HAE-JIN
AND WHO ARE YOU, AHJUSSI?
HUG
!
WELCOME HOME IT'S REALLY GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK
AHJUSSI?

SAY THAT AGAIN. WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT RED HAIR?
SHAAA
W- WE DIDN'T SAY NOTHIN! DARN IT!
ZOW
WUAAH~!
GLANCE
MESS WITH JINIE AGAIN, AND I'LL SNAP YOUR BACKBONE IN HALF!!
CRRRACK
WHY DID YOU HELP?! THOSE BASTARDS, I COULDA TAKEN THEM MYSELF!!
OI! YOU OKAY, JINIE?

FINE, I WON'T HELP YOU NEXT TIME!
CHE! GET AWAY! YOU'RE STILL GONNA INTERFERE, ANYWAYS!
YOU LI'L BRAT~! PRETTY SPUNKY, AREN'T YA?
HM?
IT'S MY DAD'S, I FOUND IT WHILE PUTTING THINGS AWAY. YOU CAN HAVE IT, HA-IL.
HUH??
WHAT'S THIS?
BUT IT'S PRECIOUS TO YOU, RIGHT? SO WHY WOULD YOU. ?
IT'S BETTER TO LET SOMEONE WEAR IT THAN TO PUT IT AWAY WITH OTHER STUFF.
AND ..

SO, THIS MEANS I GOTTA PAY YOU BACK WHEN A STRONG ENEMY APPEARS, RIGHT?
!
HEH.
YOU LOOK LIKE MY DAD SOMETIMES SO, I THINK THE HAT WOULD LOOK GOOD ON YOU.
!
THAT'S NOT IT! GIVE THAT BACK!
HEH! IN YOUR DREAMS!
CHE.
JINIE, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
EVEN IF WE JOIN FORCES, THE ENEMY THIS TIME SEEMS TO BE TOO STRONG FOR US TO BEAT.
WHY IS MY EAR SO ITCHY?!

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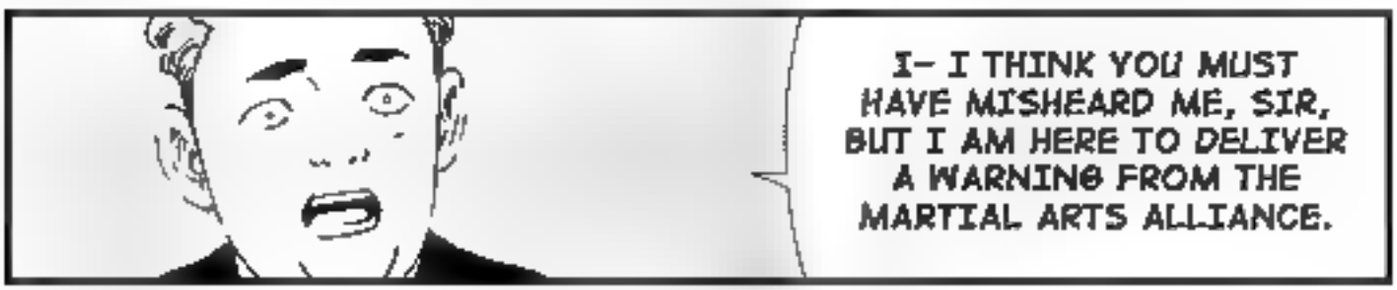
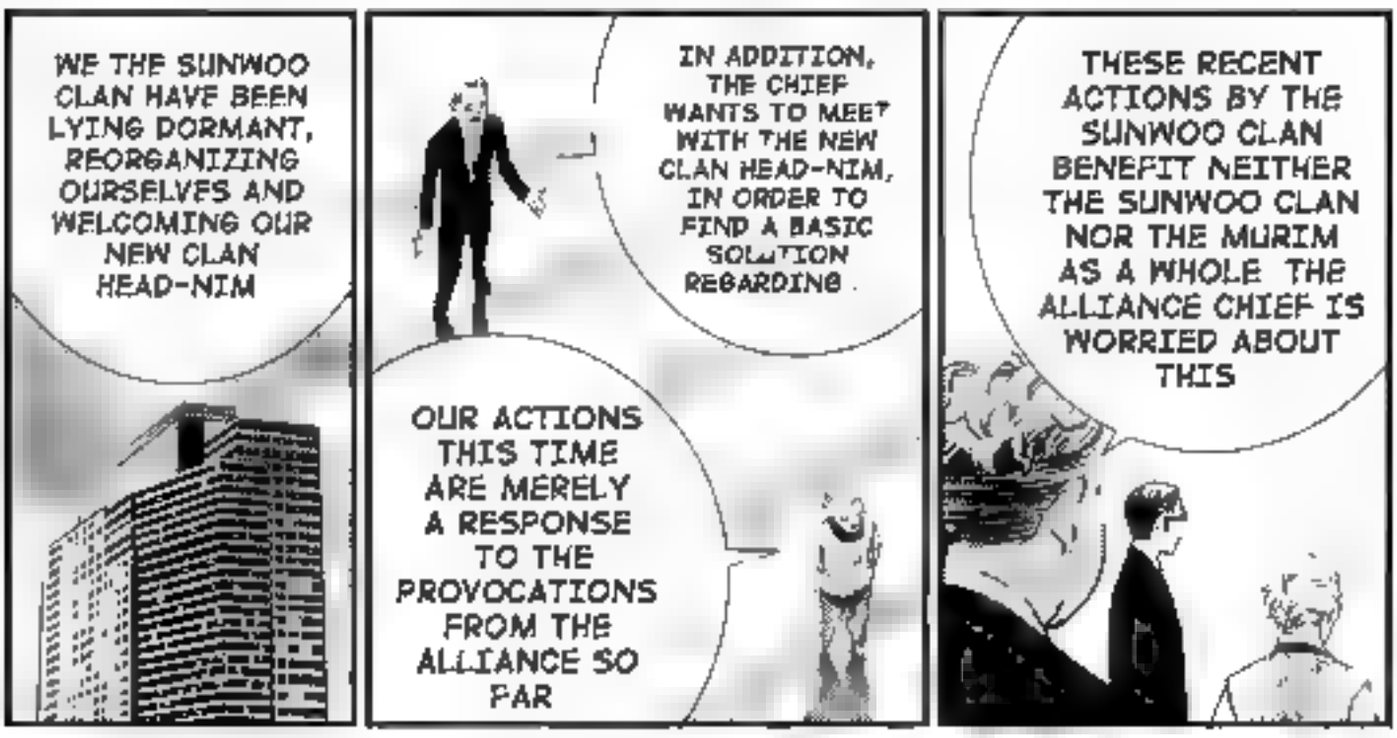
[*- *OLDER BROTHER* - TO ADDRESS OR REFER TO SOMEONE OLDER IN THE SAME FACTION]

[*- "GUN YONG MOON" - REFER ASS-WHOOPING BY JINIE, NW2-4]

Y- YOU! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THE STRONG DRAGON SCHOOL IS AFFILIATED WITH THE MARTIAL ARTS ALLIANCE?
YOU THINK THE ALLIANCE WILL LET YOU OFF, ONCE THEY HEAR WHAT YOU DID TO US??

HUH?
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS


I- I THINK YOU MUST HAVE MISHEARD ME, SIR, BUT I AM HERE TO DELIVER A WARNING FROM THE MARTIAL ARTS ALLIANCE.

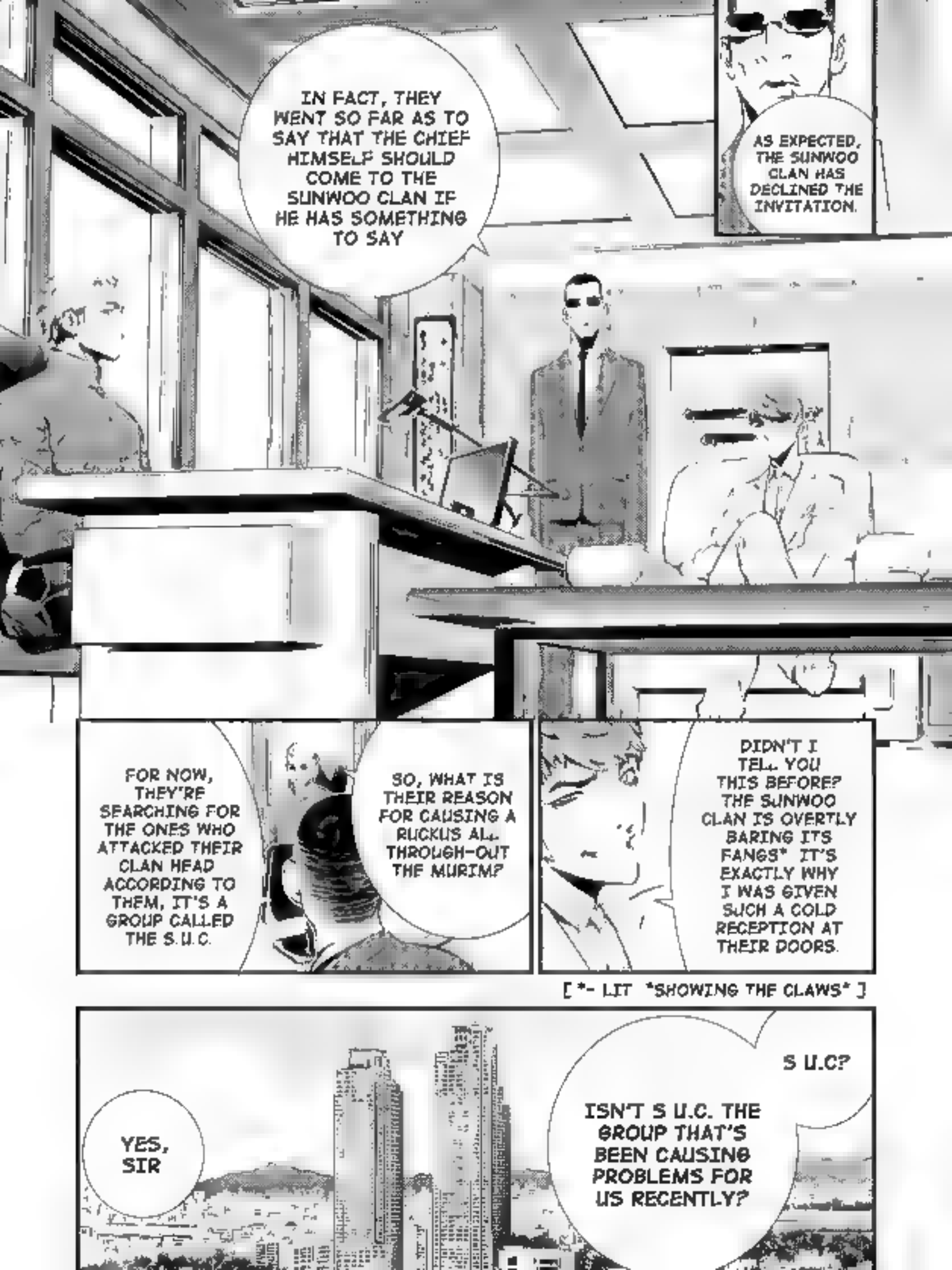

WE THE SUNWOO CLAN HAVE BEEN LYING DORMANT, REORGANIZING OURSELVES AND WELCOMING OUR NEW CLAN HEAD-NIM
IN ADDITION, THE CHIEF WANTS TO MEET WITH THE NEW CLAN HEAD-NIM, IN ORDER TO FIND A BASIC SOLUTION REGARDING
OUR ACTIONS THIS TIME ARE MERELY A RESPONSE TO THE PROVOCATIONS FROM THE ALLIANCE SO FAR
THESE RECENT ACTIONS BY THE SUNWOO CLAN BENEFIT NEITHER THE SUNWOO CLAN NOR THE MURIM AS A WHOLE THE ALLIANCE CHIEF IS WORRIED ABOUT THIS

HOW DARE THEY LOOK DOWN ON US AND ATTACK OUR CLAN HEAD.
BUT IT APPEARS THERE ARE THOSE WHO MISTOOK OUR DORMANCY AS A SIGN OF THE CLAN'S DECLINE

AND,

GO BACK, AND TELL THEM NOT TO TEST THE PATIENCE OF THE SUNWOO CLAN.

TELL THEM WE WILL TRACK DOWN THE ONES WHO ATTACKED THE CLAN HEAD, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO OVERTURN THE ENTIRE MURIM.


AS EXPECTED, THE SUNWOO CLAN HAS DECLINED THE INVITATION.
IN FACT, THEY WENT SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT THE CHIEF HIMSELF SHOULD COME TO THE SUNWOO CLAN IF HE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY
DIDN'T I TELL YOU THIS BEFORE? THE SUNWOO CLAN IS OVERTLY BARING ITS FANGS* IT'S EXACTLY WHY I WAS GIVEN SUCH A COLD RECEPTION AT THEIR DOORS.
SO, WHAT IS THEIR REASON FOR CAUSING A RUCKUS ALL THROUGH-OUT THE MURIM?
FOR NOW, THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR THE ONES WHO ATTACKED THEIR CLAN HEAD ACCORDING TO THEM, IT'S A GROUP CALLED THE S.U.C.
[*- LIT *SHOWING THE CLAWS*]
S U.C?
ISN'T S U.C. THE GROUP THAT'S BEEN CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR US RECENTLY?
YES, SIR

THAT'S JUST THEIR OWN FABRICATION.
.....
THOSE S.U.C BASTARDS ARE SAID TO BE GOOMOONRYONG'S DISCIPLES THE FORMER DISCIPLE, BEING ATTACKED BY THOSE PEOPLE. IS THAT SUPPOSED TO SOME KIND OF A JOKE??
!
AT THE VERY LEAST, THAT KID ISN'T THE TYPE TO MAKE UP SUCH A STORY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT I AM HAPPY THAT I COULD SEE HIM AGAIN WITHIN THE MURIM.
IN ALL MY DAYS WITHIN THE MURIM, HE'S SOMEONE WHO'S LEFT THE STRONGEST IMPRESSION ON ME, IN THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME.
THAT KID.. ? DO YOU MEAN THAT YOU KNOW HIM?
I DO KNOW HIM.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HIM, BUT DON'T YOU THINK THE SUNWOO CLAN WOULD THINK DIFFERENTLY?
OH, I HEARD THAT THE KI-CENTER IS BEING FIXED.
FOR THE SUNWOO CLAN TO TAKE A KID WHO CAN'T DO MARTIAL ARTS AND MAKE HIM THE HEAD IS ..
I HEARD THAT HE'S LEFT THE MURIM AFTER HIS KI-CENTER WAS BROKEN.
IT SEEMS THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF SUNWOO CLAN HEAD'S KI-CENTER TREATMENT.
!!
WHAT?

BEEP BEEP
THAT WAS GOOD TODAY.
HUUUU.
CLICK

FIXING A KI-CENTER IS THE SAME THING AS BRINGING SOMEONE BACK FROM THE DEAD THIS IS FAST ENOUGH, I TELL YA!
DOES IT TAKE THAT LONG?
AT THIS RATE, I THINK YOUR KI-CENTER WILL BE FULLY RECOVERED IN 2 TO 3 MONTHS, OR SO.
RIGHT NOW THE KI-CENTER IS TAKING ITS SHAPE, SO FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF TREATMENT, DON'T DO ANY EXCESSIVE MARTIAL ARTS OR KI-CIRCULATION
HUH?
YOUR KI-CENTER IS VERY WEAK RIGHT NOW, SO IF YOU DO MARTIAL ARTS RECKLESSLY, IT MAY BREAK AGAIN.
AND IF THAT HAPPENS..
UMM. SO, AS LONG AS I DON'T DO MARTIAL ARTS, I CAN GO ON WITH MY EVERYDAY LIFE, RIGHT?
YEAH, SINCE YOUR OTHER ORGANS ARE PRETTY MUCH OKAY... BUT WHY DO YOU ASK?
THEN IT'LL BE ABSOLUTELY UN-RECOVERABLE, NO MATTER WHAT SO KEEP THAT IT MIND, GOT THAT?
SUUK

OH... ACTUALLY I WAS GETTING A BIT WORRIED ABOUT SKIPPING SCHOOL FOR SO LONG

THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO BE READY FOR THAT EVENTUALITY

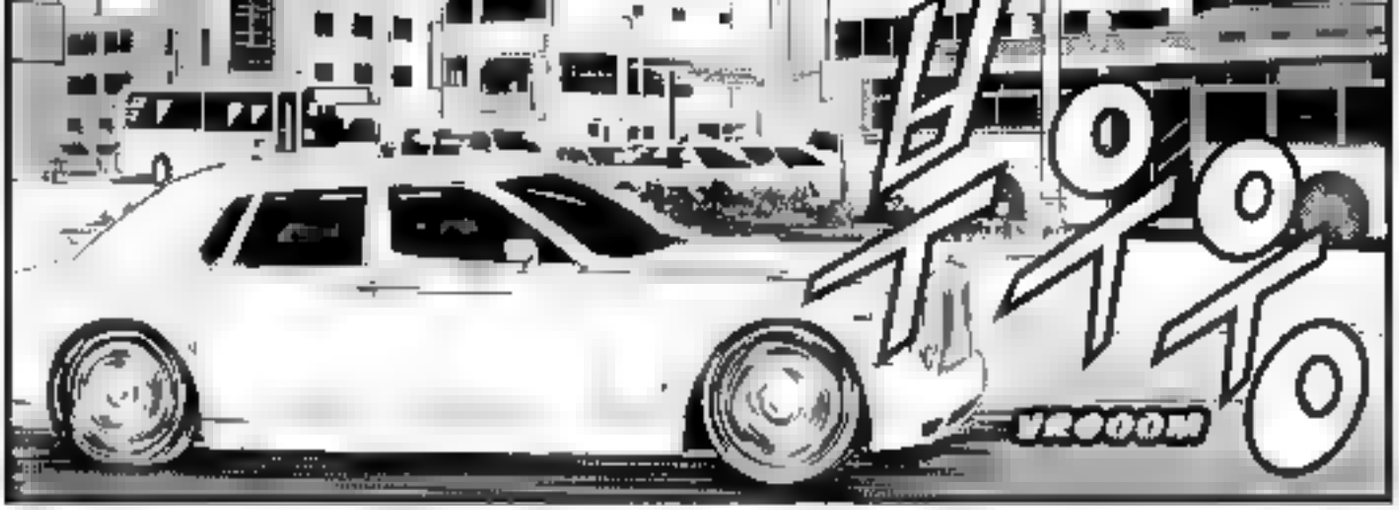
I'M JUST A TEMPORARY HEAD
WHEN THE REAL OWNER RETURNS, I HAVE TO GO BACK TO MY NORMAL LIFE, Y'KNOW

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
YOU'RE THE HEAD OF THE SUNWOO CLAN, ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL CLANS IN THE MURIM. WHAT DO YOU NEED SCHOOL FOR?

GREETINGS, CLAN HEAD-NIM.

ZIIING
MAN~ THAT SOUNDS SO PATHETIC. IF I WERE YOU
HM?

ELDER KWON, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
WHY DON'T WE TALK IN DETAIL ON THE WAY?
OH, YES, SIR
I CAME TO CHECK ON A FAVOR I ASKED OF THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL; AND I WAS WAITING TO GO BACK WITH YOU, CLAN
AH, YES... PLEASE HAVE A SAFE TRIP BACK. ELDER KWON, AS WELL.
I'LL BE GOING NOW, SCHOOL-HEAD HEO.
WELL, THEN .
MAN, EVERY TIME I SEE THAT OLD MAN, I GET ALL NERVOUS.
....
AH, Y- YES..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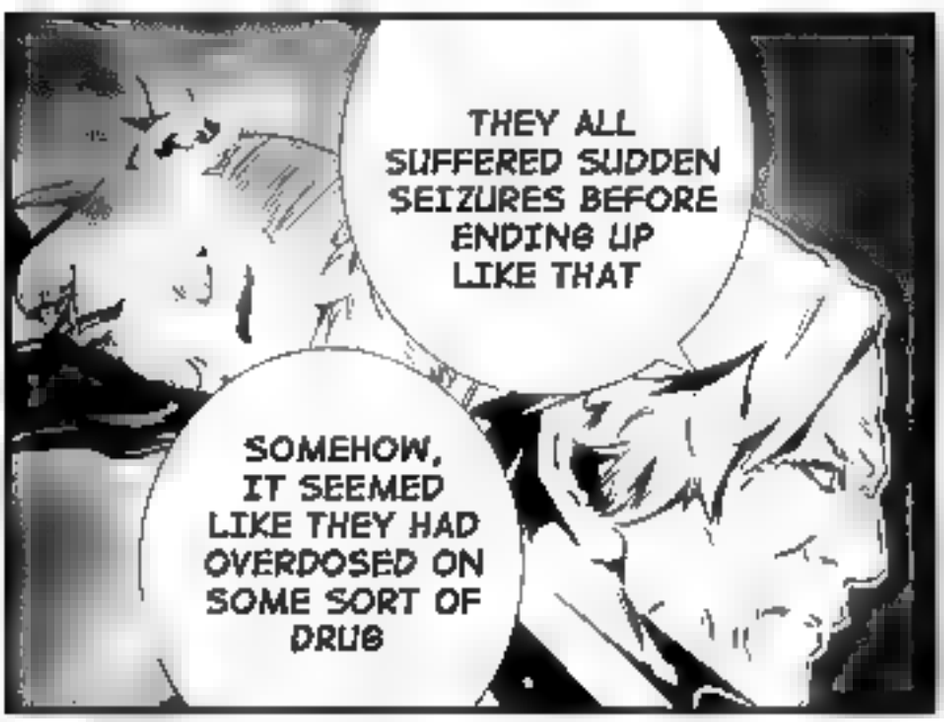
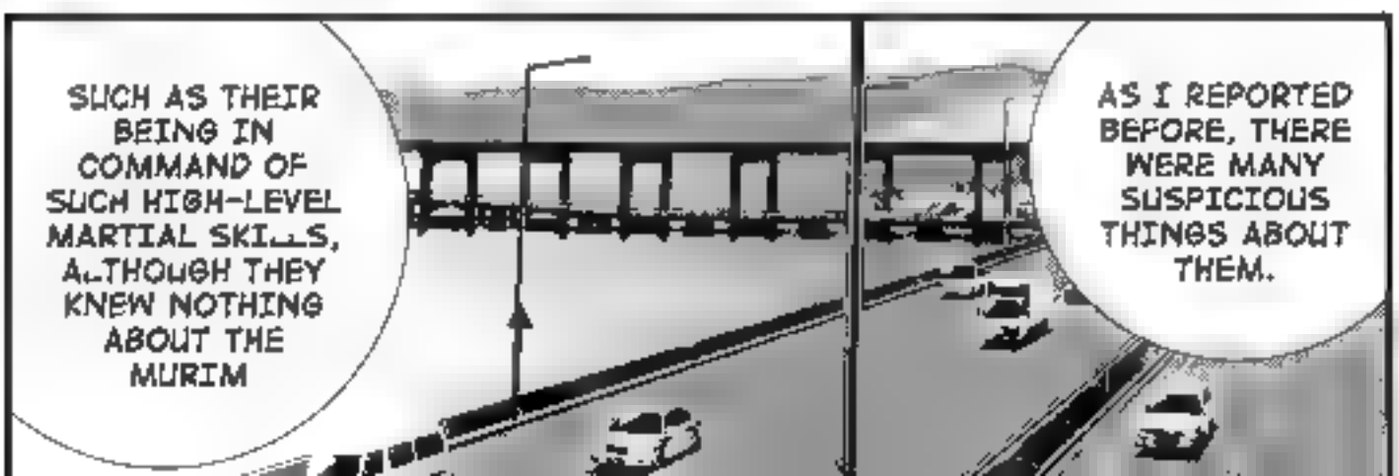
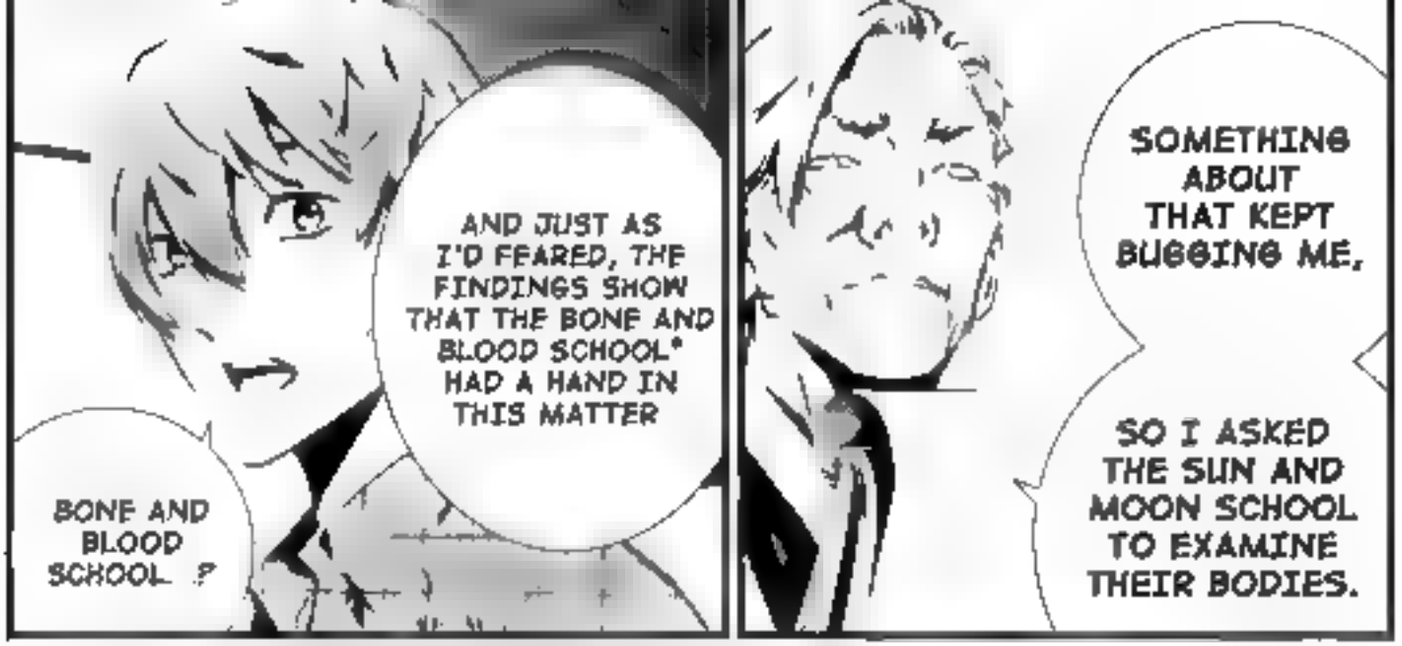
WHAT?
ACTUALLY, MOST OF THEM HAVE DIED, AND THE ONES THAT ARE STILL ALIVE ARE COMATOSE

DO YOU REMEMBER THOSE S U.C. KIDS THAT WE DETAINED LAST TIME?


THEY ALL SUFFERED SUDDEN SEIZURES BEFORE ENDING UP LIKE THAT
SOMEHOW, IT SEEMED LIKE THEY HAD OVERDOSED ON SOME SORT OF DRUG

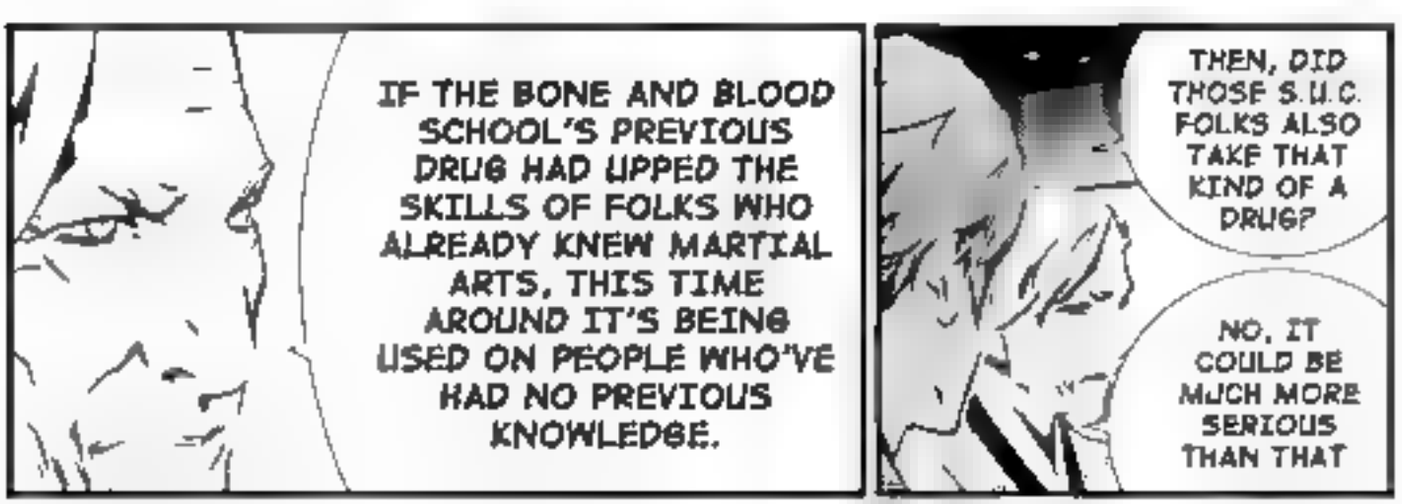
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WAS THERE AN ACCIDENT OR SOMETHING?
NO, IT WASN'T DUE TO ANY EXTERNAL FACTORS...


SUCH AS THEIR BEING IN COMMAND OF SUCH HIGH-LEVEL MARTIAL SKI..S, A..THOUGH THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE MURIM
AS I REPORTED BEFORE, THERE WERE MANY SUSPICIOUS THINGS ABOUT THEM.


BONE AND BLOOD SCHOOL ?
AND JUST AS I'D FEARED, THE FINDINGS SHOW THAT THE BONE AND BLOOD SCHOOL* HAD A HAND IN THIS MATTER
SOMETHING ABOUT THAT KEPT BUGGING ME.
SO I ASKED THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL TO EXAMINE THEIR BODIES.

[*- "GOL HYEOL MOON" - DR BAE'S SCHOOL]

YES. A DANGEROUS FACTION THAT ALMOST DESTROYED THE ENTIRE MURIM, SOME 30 YEARS AGO.
THEY CREATED AND SPREAD THE USE OF DRUGS FOR MARTIAL ARTS ENHANCEMENT. THOSE DRUGS WERE EFFECTIVE IN THE SHORT RUN, BUT WITH LONG-TERM USAGE, THEY WOULD END UP CRIPPLING THE USERS.


IF THE BONE AND BLOOD SCHOOL'S PREVIOUS DRUG HAD UPPED THE SKILLS OF FOLKS WHO ALREADY KNEW MARTIAL ARTS, THIS TIME AROUND IT'S BEING USED ON PEOPLE WHO'VE HAD NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE.
THEN, DID THOSE S.U.C. FOLKS ALSO TAKE THAT KIND OF A DRUG?
NO, IT COULD BE MUCH MORE SERIOUS THAN THAT

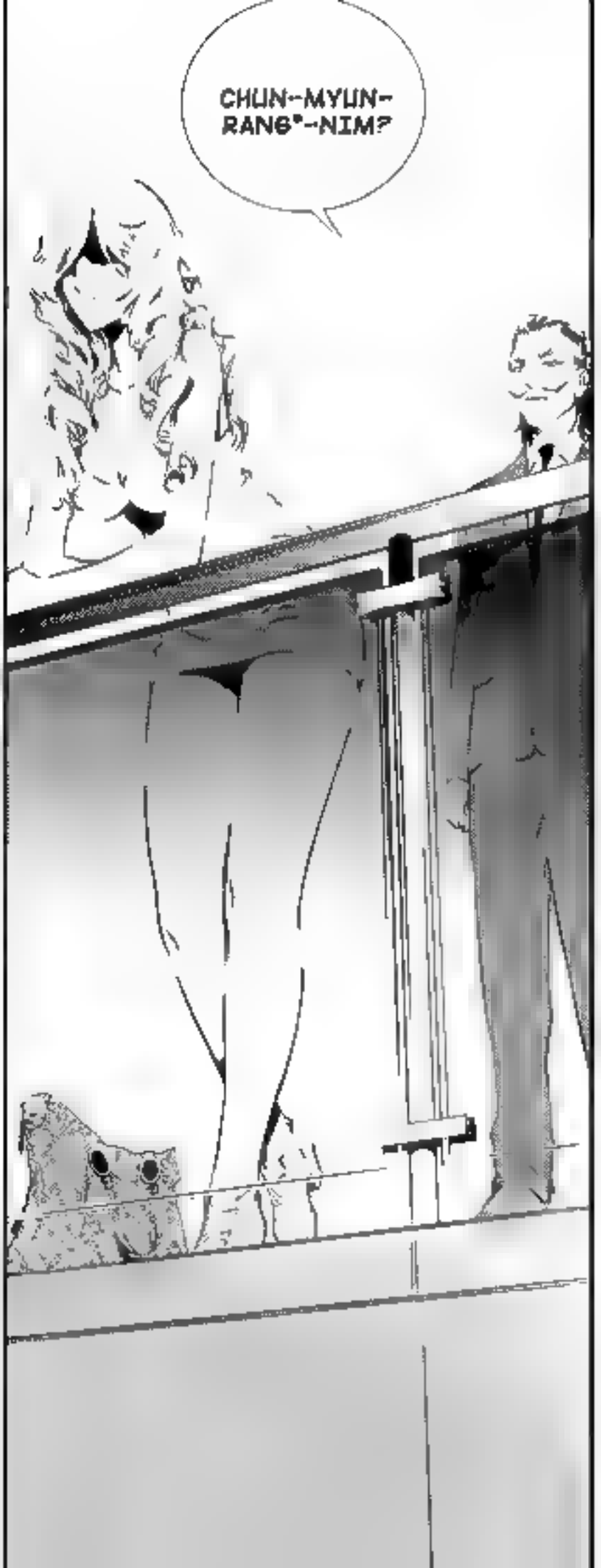
THEN... ALL OF THE KIDS IN THE S.U.C....
THAT'S RIGHT.
GULP
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS DRUG WOULD HAVE AN EVEN QUICKER, MORE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE USERS.

NO ONE KNOWS WHO'S PULLING THE STRINGS BEHIND THE S.U.C , BUT ONE THING'S FOR SURE..

ALL THOSE KIDS WILL SUFFER THE FATE OF BEING USED UP, AND THEN BEING TOSSED AWAY LIKE GARBAGE.
.....

WUAAH!!
WHAM
CRASH
WHY DID YOU SUMMON ME HERE?

[* - LIT "THOUSAND, FACE, WOMAN", LADY WITH A THOUSAND FACES]



I MEAN, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT FORMER DISCIPLE WHO'S TROUBLING OUR GROUP HEAD.
YOU MEAN...
OH DEAR, AREN'T YOU UNDER-ESTIMATING MY SPECIALTY?
HE'S NOW BECOME SOMEONE RATHER IMPORTANT IN THE MURIM...
IF WE WERE TO GO AFTER HIM IN EARNEST, IT'LL TURN INTO A WAR OF ATTRITION.
I'M GRATEFUL, BUT NOW THAT THIS MATTER HAS FAILED ONCE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO FIND ANOTHER OPENING.
THAT GUY... THE ONE THAT "COOL GUY" THREW AWAY... I BROUGHT HIM ALONG.
DO YOU HAVE A PLAN .?

THANKS TO HIM, I FOUND A RATHER UNEXPECTED WEAKNESS WITH THE FORMER DISCIPLE.
!
SUUK
AND HE TOLD ME SOMETHING QUITE INTERESTING
THEN, THIS IS...?
THAT'S RIGHT. THE ONE PERSON WHO CAN DISARM THE FORMER DISCIPLE.

IF WE USE HER, WE COULD SOLVE OUR LITTLE HEADACHE WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF EFFORT. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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SCHOOL, YOU SAY?
UH, YES. SINCE THEY SAID THE KI-CENTER TREATMENT WOULDN'T INTERFERE MUCH WITH MY DAILY LIFE
CLAN HEAD! ISN'T THIS GOING A LITTLE TOO FAR?
BUT.. WHY IS EVERYONE LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
THE MAIN BRANCH RIGHT NOW IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR,
SO HOW COULD YOU EVEN THINK ABOUT SCHOOL?!

IF THERE IS SOMETHING I SHOULD DO AS THE SUNWOO CLAN HEAD, PLEASE TELL ME WITHOUT HOLDING BACK. 'CAUSE, I'LL MAKE THAT A PRIORITY.
WHAT?
THEN, WHAT IS IT THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO AT THIS MOMENT?
NO, BUT THAT'S ...!
I JUST WANT TO USE MY TIME EFFECTIVELY. IS THAT SUCH A BAD THING?
BUT IN THE SUNWOO CLAN WE HAVE YOU, THE ELDERS, WHO ARE VERY CAPABLE; SO, THERE ISN'T MUCH FOR ME TO DO AND I HAVE LOTS OF TIME ON MY HANDS.
RIGHT NOW, THE SUNWOO CLAN'S ENEMIES ARE CRAWLING EVERYWHERE! TO THINK YOU WANT TO WANDER AROUND, IN OUR SITUATION!
RIGHT! THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING!
HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE A LOT OF ENEMIES, DON'T WE? THAT'S WHY...
!
ELDER JEON, ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE OTHER FACTIONS?

HUH? NO. THAT'S NOT WHAT I.
CLAN HEAD-NIM, I WANT TO ASK YOU ONE THING.
THEN IT'S SETTLED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSENT, ELDER JEON.
HUH?
DAMMIT! WHAT WAS THAT?!
WHO SAYS I'M AFRAID?!!

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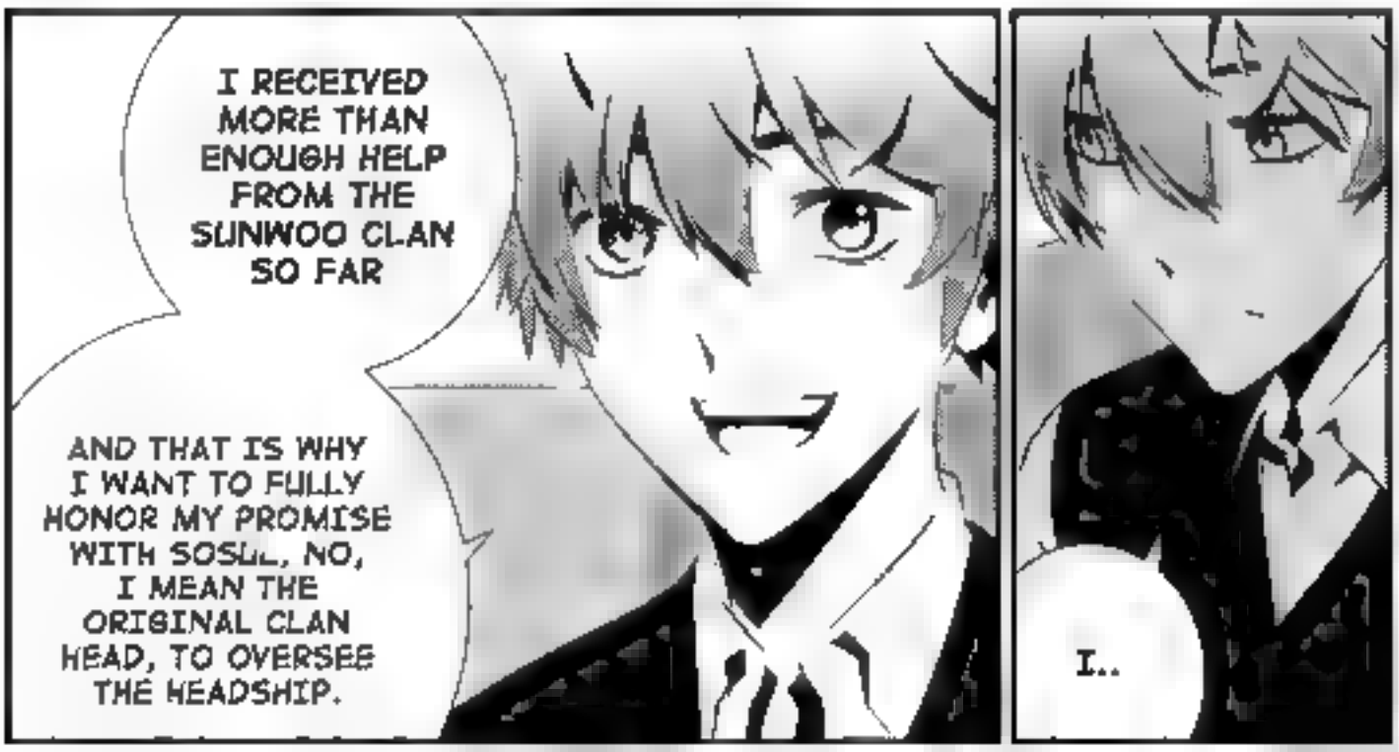
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE SCHOOL? IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WISH TO DO, THE SUNWOO CLAN WOULD PROVIDE EVERYTHING YOU'D NEED


I RECEIVED MORE THAN ENOUGH HELP FROM THE SUNWOO CLAN SO FAR
AND THAT IS WHY I WANT TO FULLY HONOR MY PROMISE WITH SOSUL, NO, I MEAN THE ORIGINAL CLAN HEAD, TO OVERSEE THE HEADSHIP.
I..

I MUSTN'T FORGET THAT. IF ONLY FOR THAT REASON, I DON'T WANT TO LET GO OF MY OWN PATH
BUT OF COURSE, MY POSITION IS ONLY A TEMPORARY ONE, TO HAND BACK TO THE RIGHTFUL OWNER UPON HER RETURN

EXCEPT, YOU MUST PROMISE US ONE THING, CLAN HEAD-NIM
!
!
WE UNDERSTAND. SINCE YOU SO INSIST UPON IT, PLEASE DO AS YOU WISH.

THAT WHENEVER YOU LEAVE THE SUNWOO CLAN TERRITORY, YOU MUST ABSOLUTELY REFRAIN FROM ANY SOLITARY ACTIONS AS IN THE PAST.

YES, I PROMISE.

NO, IT WAS OUR DUTY AND PLEASURE
THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR ACCOMMODATING MY SELFISHNESS.

..

THEN, I SHALL TAKE MY LEAVE.

Y- YES.. I UNDER-STAND, SIR.

MM . AND ONE MORE THING..

LOOK AFTER THE CLAN HEAD AND MAKE SURE HE'S COMFORTABLE, AND IF HE NEEDS ANYTHING, CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY.

HA-IL!

.....
THANK YOU... FOR TELLING ME THE TRUTH THAT DAY*.
GRIN
SIR, I...
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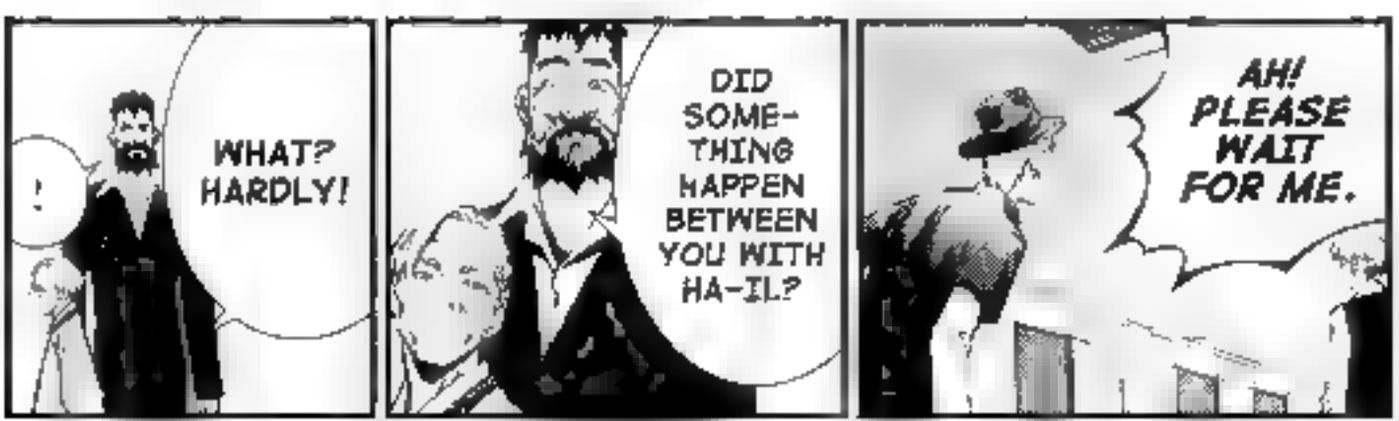
[*- REFER NW56]

UH, WHAT?
YOU BRAT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! DON'T YOU SEE THE HEAD IS WAITING FOR YOU?! GET GOING!!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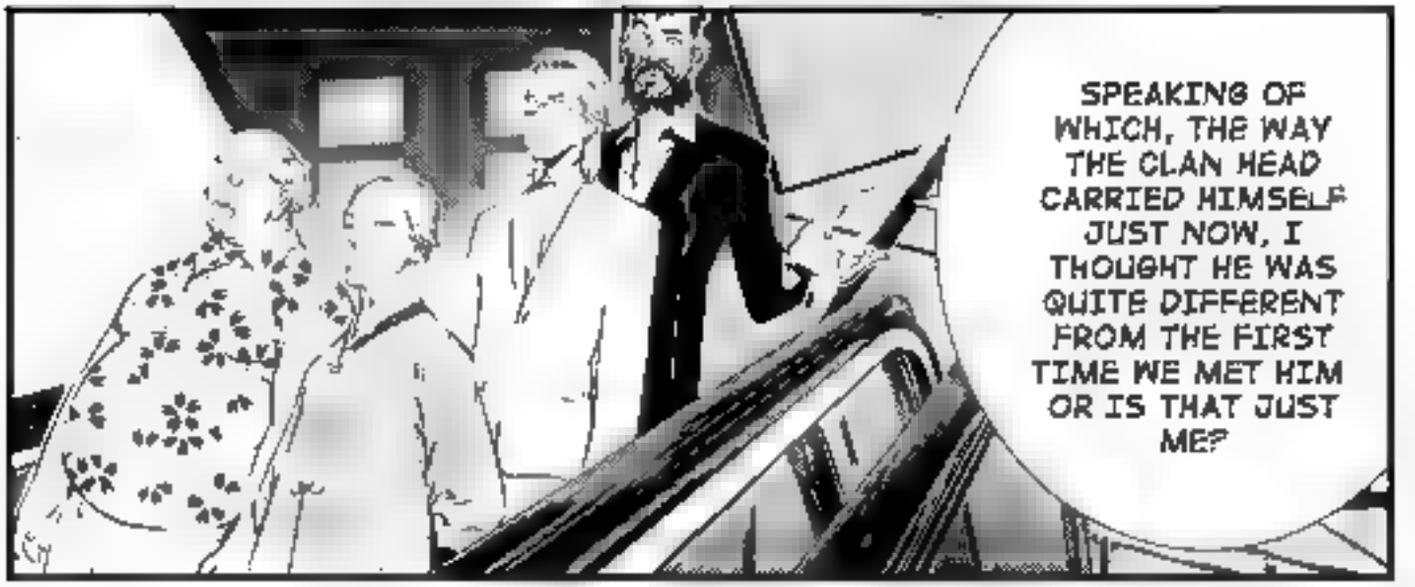
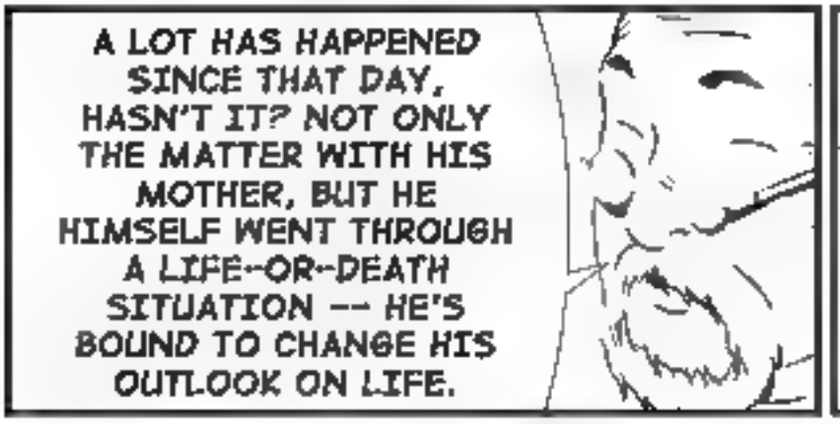
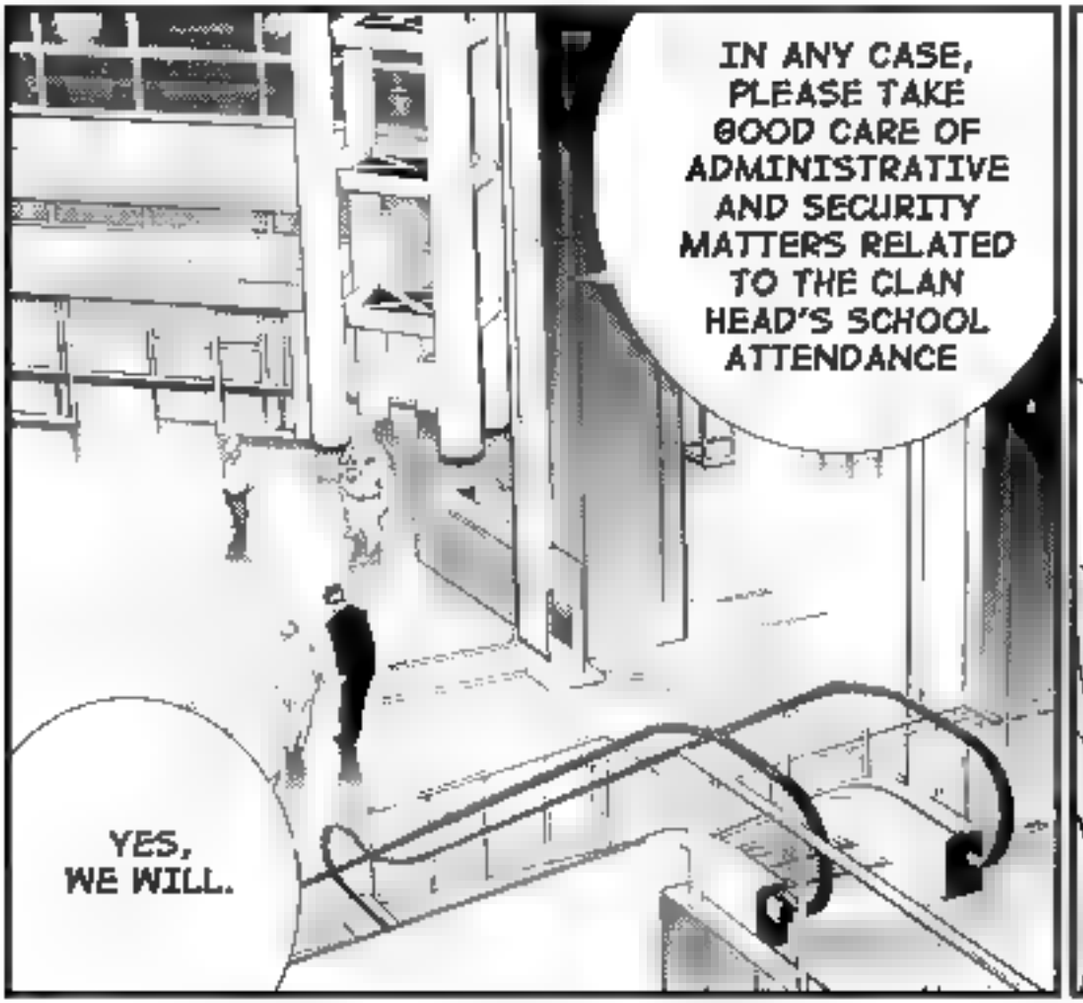
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU WITH HA-IL?
AH! PLEASE WAIT FOR ME.


SPEAKING OF WHICH, THE WAY THE CLAN HEAD CARRIED HIMSELF JUST NOW, I THOUGHT HE WAS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE FIRST TIME WE MET HIM OR IS THAT JUST ME?


A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THAT DAY, HASN'T IT? NOT ONLY THE MATTER WITH HIS MOTHER, BUT HE HIMSELF WENT THROUGH A LIFE-OR-DEATH SITUATION -- HE'S BOUND TO CHANGE HIS OUTLOOK ON LIFE.

NO, IT'S NOT. I FELT THE SAME THING AS WELL.

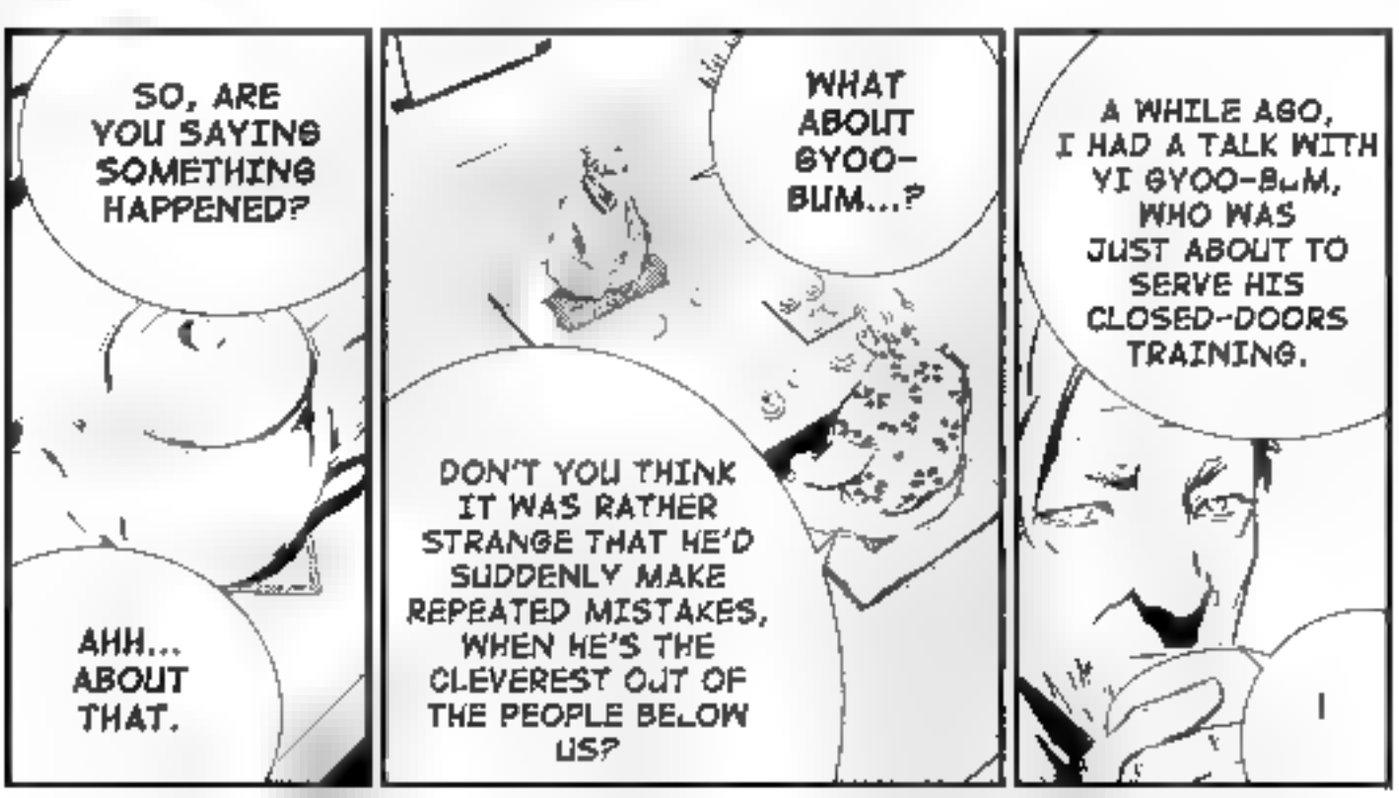

IN ANY CASE, PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECURITY MATTERS RELATED TO THE CLAN HEAD'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
YES, WE WILL.

NO, IT COULD VERY WELL BE THAT WE'RE NOW SEEING THE CLAN HEAD--NIM'S TRUE SELF
!

IF YOU HAVE THE TIME, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A CUP OF TEA?
!
AH! HOLD ON, ELDER KWON!
GLIK-GLIK-GLIK
TODAY WE SAW HOW INTERESTING A PERSON THE HEAD-NIM REALLY IS.
THEN WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ME?
CALLING HIM "PURE" MAKES IT SOUND LIKE IT'S HARD FOR YOU TO BELIEVE HIM.
HAHA WELL, I'M BEEN STEEPED TOO LONG IN THE WAYS OF SUCH THINGS TO HAVE PURE FAITH IN ANYONE LIKE THAT
WAS HE SHOWING US HIS PURE INTENT, THAT HE HAS NO AMBITIONS TOWARD THE HEADSHIP? OR WAS HE PRESSURING US TO GIVE HIM DUTIES AND HONORS BEFITTING A CLAN HEAD?

DON'T YOU THINK THAT I, TOO, HAVE BEEN IN IT TOO LONG. HAVING BEEN IN CONTROL OF THE SUNWOO CLAN FOR DECADES, AND BECOME A MONSTER WHO'S DRUNK WITH POWER AND BLIND TO EVERYTHING ELSE?
IMPOSSIBLE SINCE IT'S ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE THAT THERE'D BE SOMEONE AS FOOLISH AND PURE-HEARTED AS YOU, ELDER KWON.

AND ISN'T THAT WHY I, ANOTHER OLD MONSTER, HAVEN'T LEFT YOUR SIDE IN ALL THESE YEARS -- BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THAT FOOLISHNESS OF YOURS?


SO, ARE YOU SAYING SOMETHING HAPPENED?
AHH... ABOUT THAT.
WHAT ABOUT GYOO-BUM...?
DON'T YOU THINK IT WAS RATHER STRANGE THAT HE'D SUDDENLY MAKE REPEATED MISTAKES, WHEN HE'S THE CLEVEREST OUT OF THE PEOPLE BELOW US?
A WHILE AGO, I HAD A TALK WITH YI GYOO-BUM, WHO WAS JUST ABOUT TO SERVE HIS CLOSED-DOORS TRAINING.

IS THAT REALLY TRUE?
YES AND IT HAPPENED COUPLE DAYS BEFORE HE MADE THOSE MISTAKES.
HE DIDN'T TELL ME THE SPECIFICS, BUT IT SEEMS HE AGONIZED OVER THE MATTER QUITE A BIT. HE ACTUALLY SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THIS TRAINING
IT SEEMS HE MADE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO KNEW ABOUT LADY SOSUL.
!!

HIS VIEWS MIGHT HAVE CHANGED, BUT THE CURRENT CLAN HEAD-NIM IS FUNDAMENTALLY A PERSON OF PRINCIPLE.
IT REALLY SEEMS LIKE HE HAS NO OTHER THOUGHTS BUT TO BE THE PROXY HEAD, IN LADY SOSUL'S PLACE.
IN LIGHT OF THAT MATTER, I WAS VERY ANXIOUS ABOUT WHAT THE CLAN HEAD SAID TODAY.
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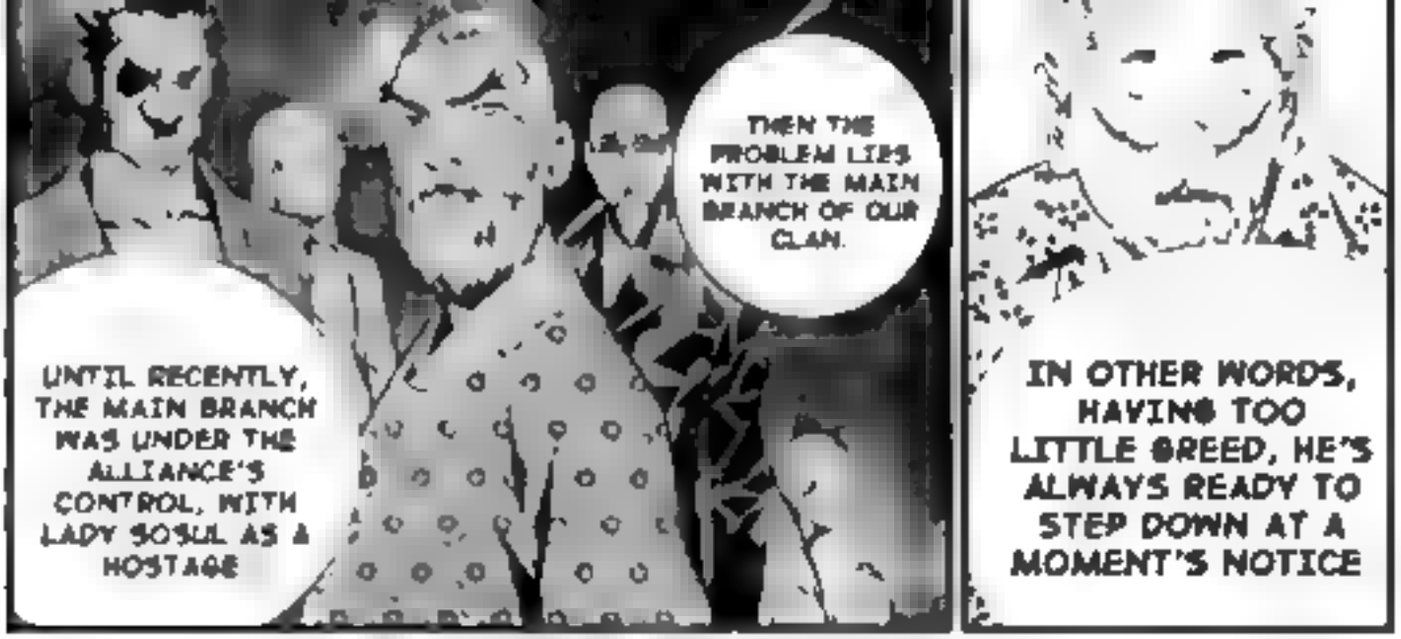
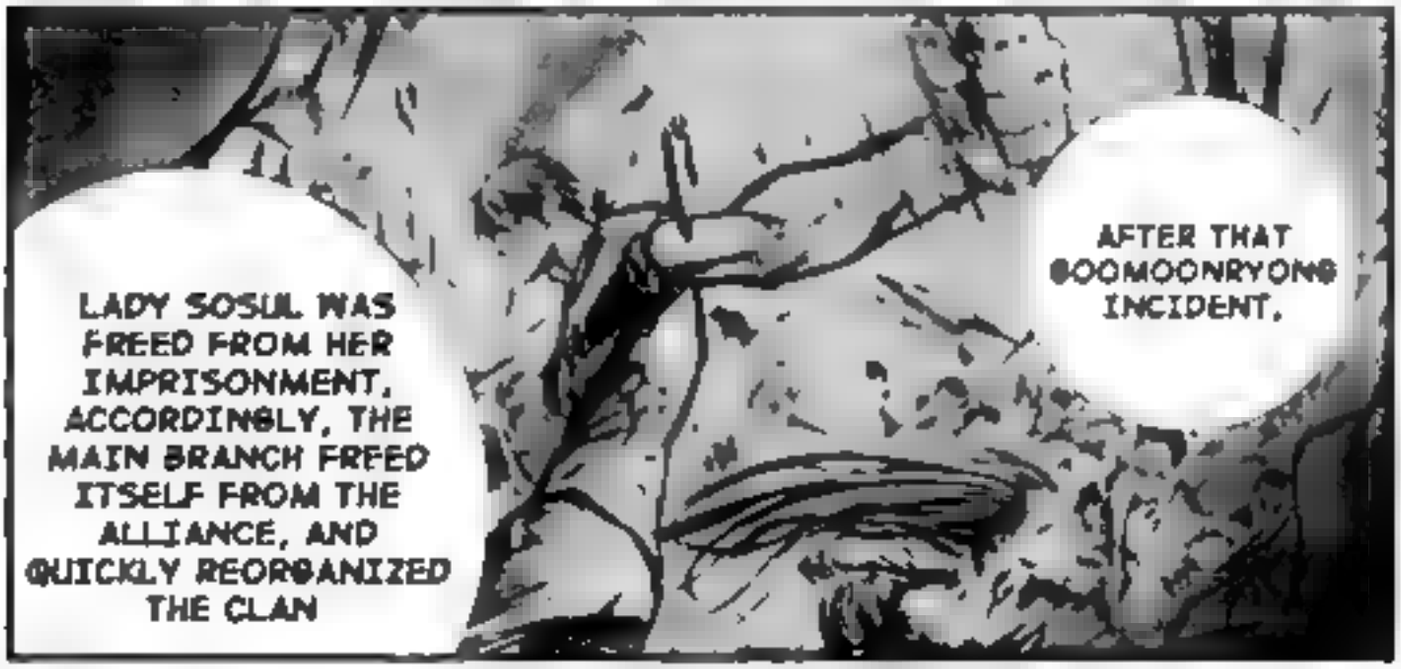
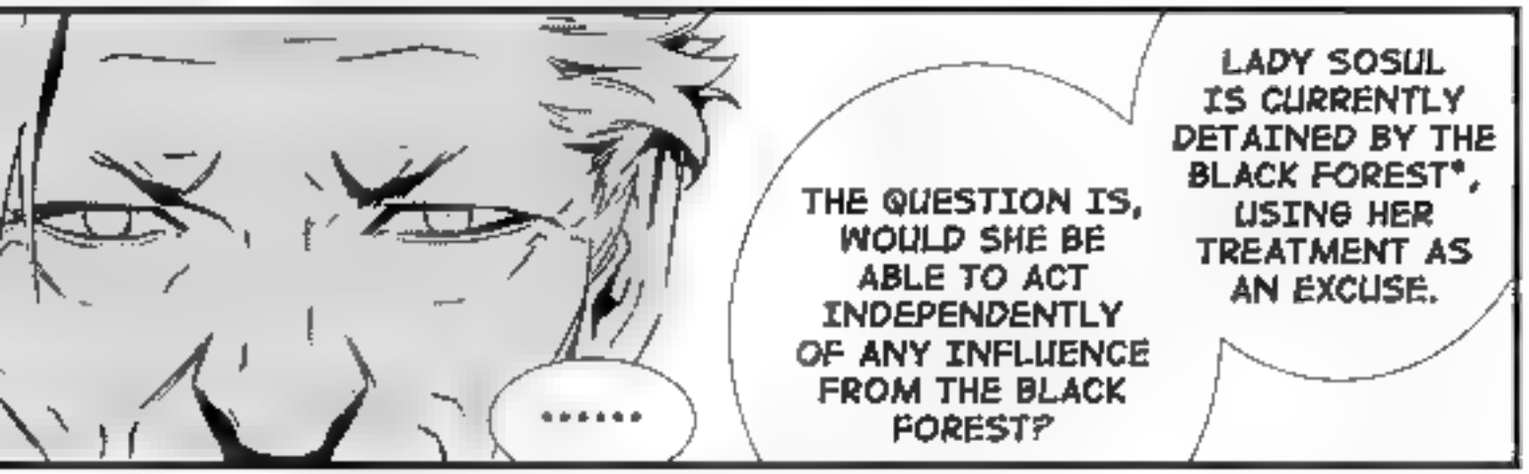
HOW COULD THIS...


UNTIL RECENTLY, THE MAIN BRANCH WAS UNDER THE ALLIANCE'S CONTROL, WITH LADY SOSUL AS A HOSTAGE
THEN THE PROBLEM LIES WITH THE MAIN BRANCH OF OUR CLAN.
IN OTHER WORDS, HAVING TOO LITTLE GREED, HE'S ALWAYS READY TO STEP DOWN AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE


LADY SOSUL WAS FREED FROM HER IMPRISONMENT. ACCORDINGLY, THE MAIN BRANCH FREED ITSELF FROM THE ALLIANCE, AND QUICKLY REORGANIZED THE CLAN
AFTER THAT GOOMOONRYONG INCIDENT.

?
BUT RIGHT NOW, THE ONE FACTOR THAT COULD MAKE OR BREAK THE SUNWOO CLAN'S FUTURE IS LADY SOSUL.
WITH SHIOON-NIM AS THE CENTER, I BELIEVE WE'VE ACHIEVED A BASIC LEVEL OF UNITY.


.....
THE QUESTION IS, WOULD SHE BE ABLE TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY OF ANY INFLUENCE FROM THE BLACK FOREST?
LADY SOSUL IS CURRENTLY DETAINED BY THE BLACK FOREST*, USING HER TREATMENT AS AN EXCUSE.

[*- *HEUK RIM BANG* - BLACK, FOREST, WAY/PLACE/DEFENSE (HANJA NOT GIVEN)]

LET US GO, KLEINE PRINZESSIN* THE PARTY AWAITS US.
[*- GERMAN, "LITTLE PRINCESS"]
IF SHIOON-NIM STEPS DOWN WITH ONLY LADY SOSUL'S RIGHTS IN MIND, IT WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO THE MAIN BRANCH BECOMING YET ANOTHER PAWN, BUT UNDER A DIFFERENT RULER.

!
WE APOLOGIZE FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING
.....
HERE, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE PRINCESS SOSUL.

I SEE SO YOU, TOO, ONLY JUDGE WHAT YOU CAN SEE ON THE OUTSIDE, DO YOU?
I'LL BE DISAPPOINTED IN YOU IF THAT LITTLE KID IS THE PERSON YOU WERE REFERRING TO
LOOK HERE, KAISER. I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU'D INTRODUCE US TO SOMEONE AMAZING...
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
THAT THE TRUTH ISN'T ALWAYS VISIBLE TO THE EYE.
THIS LITTLE LADY BEFORE YOU POSSESSES LATENT POWERS YOU CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE
NAMELY, SHE HAS THE ULTIMATE PHYSICAL BODY THAT THE MURIM-IN* HAVE BEEN SEEKING FOR AN ETERNITY!!
STEP STEP
STOP THAT NON-SENSE!
[*- PEOPLE BELONGING TO THE MURIM]

ANSWER ME! DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT SWORDS ARE BETTER THAN GUNS?
....
I'VE KNOWN ALL ALONG THAT YOU'VE BEEN OBSESSED WITH MARTIAL ARTS OR SOME OTHER EASTERN PHILOSOPHIES.
"BLACK"... TELL ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT ARE THOSE WORDS OF YOURS MEANT TO BE A CHALLENGE?
BUT I NEVER IMAGINED YOU'D BE CRAZY ENOUGH TO PULL THOSE PEOPLE INTO THE ORGANIZATION
OPEN
!
SNAP
YEAH, THAT IS CORRECT!

WHAT?

!!

LOOK HERE, "BLACK"! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! YOU NEVER MENTIONED THIS!

SHUT UP, "RED"! I'LL KILL YOU, TOO, IF YOU DON'T WATCH IT!

SURPRISED THAT YOU, THE MASTERS OF THE SHADOW WARRIORS, COULD BE AMBUSHED ON YOUR OWN GROUNDS??

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KER-CHUK
KER-CHUK

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TRUDGE TRUDGE
BUT THEN, ONLY GOD KNOW WHY, YOU GUYS INVITED US IN WITH ALL YOUR BODYGUARDS OUT OF THE WAY, TOO .
YOU SAID, "FRIENDSHIP" .. BUT TO ME, AS THE MASTER OF THE PHANTOM KNIGHTS, IT SOUNDED LIKE A PLEA TO COME AND KILL YOU OFF DON'T YOU AGREE?
TO BE HONEST, I WAS ANNOYED THAT YOU SHADOW WARRIORS BASTARDS.
HAD BEEN NIBBLING AWAY AT THE PHANTOM KNIGHTS' TERRITORIES FOR A WHILE NOW.
NOW, WHY DON'T WE FIND OUT...
IF THIS EASTERN MYSTICISM OF YOURS IS ABLE TO DEFLECT THIS BULLET?
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NOTICE WE'VE LEFT SOME BUBBLES
WITH THE ORIGINAL TEXT IN THEM,
THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION NEXT TO TH
WAS TO SHOW THE DIFFERENT LANGUA
IN THE ROOM.

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DONT HOST THIS CHAPTER AND
NO YOU CANT USE OUR
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THANK YOU

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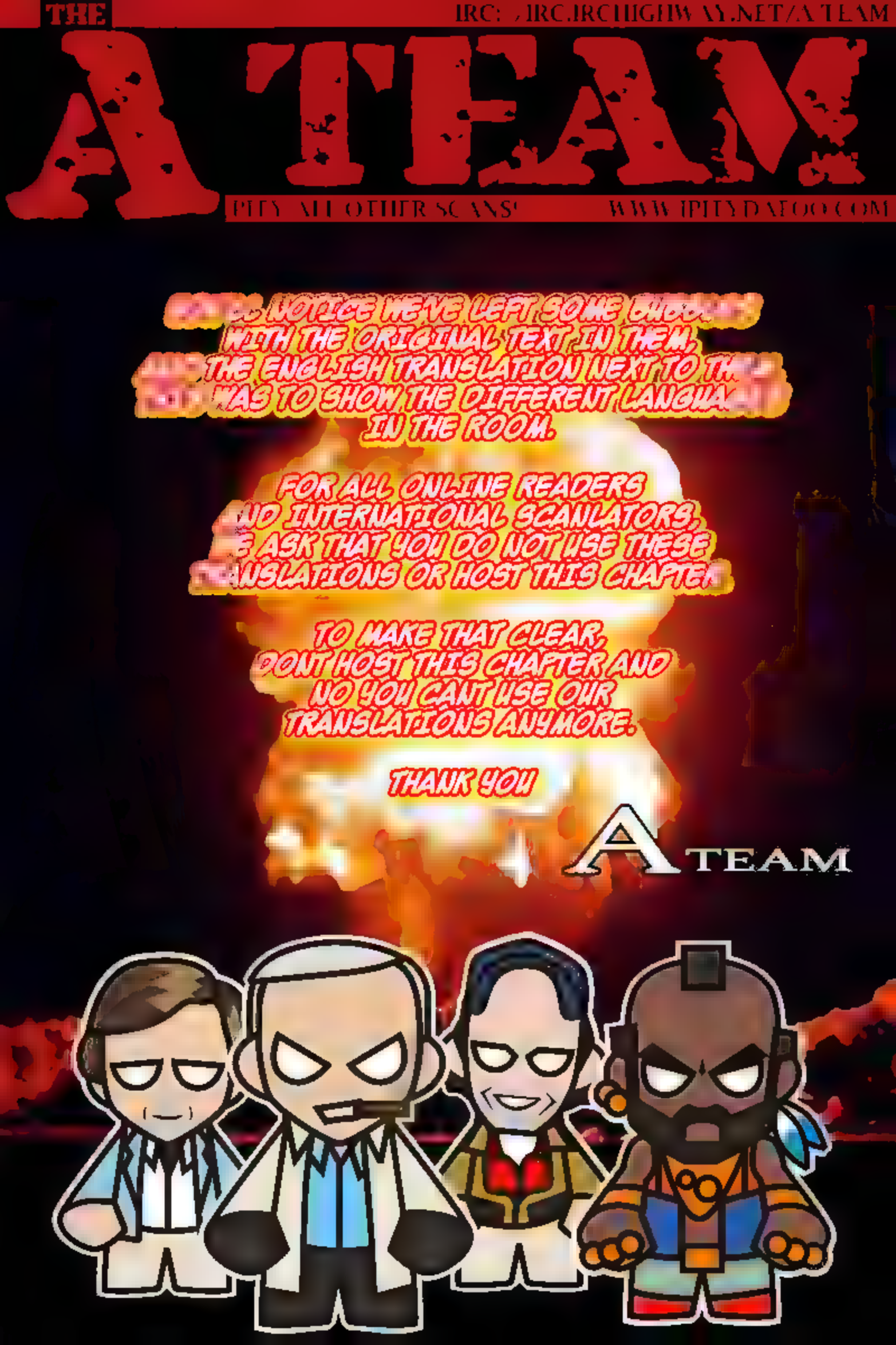

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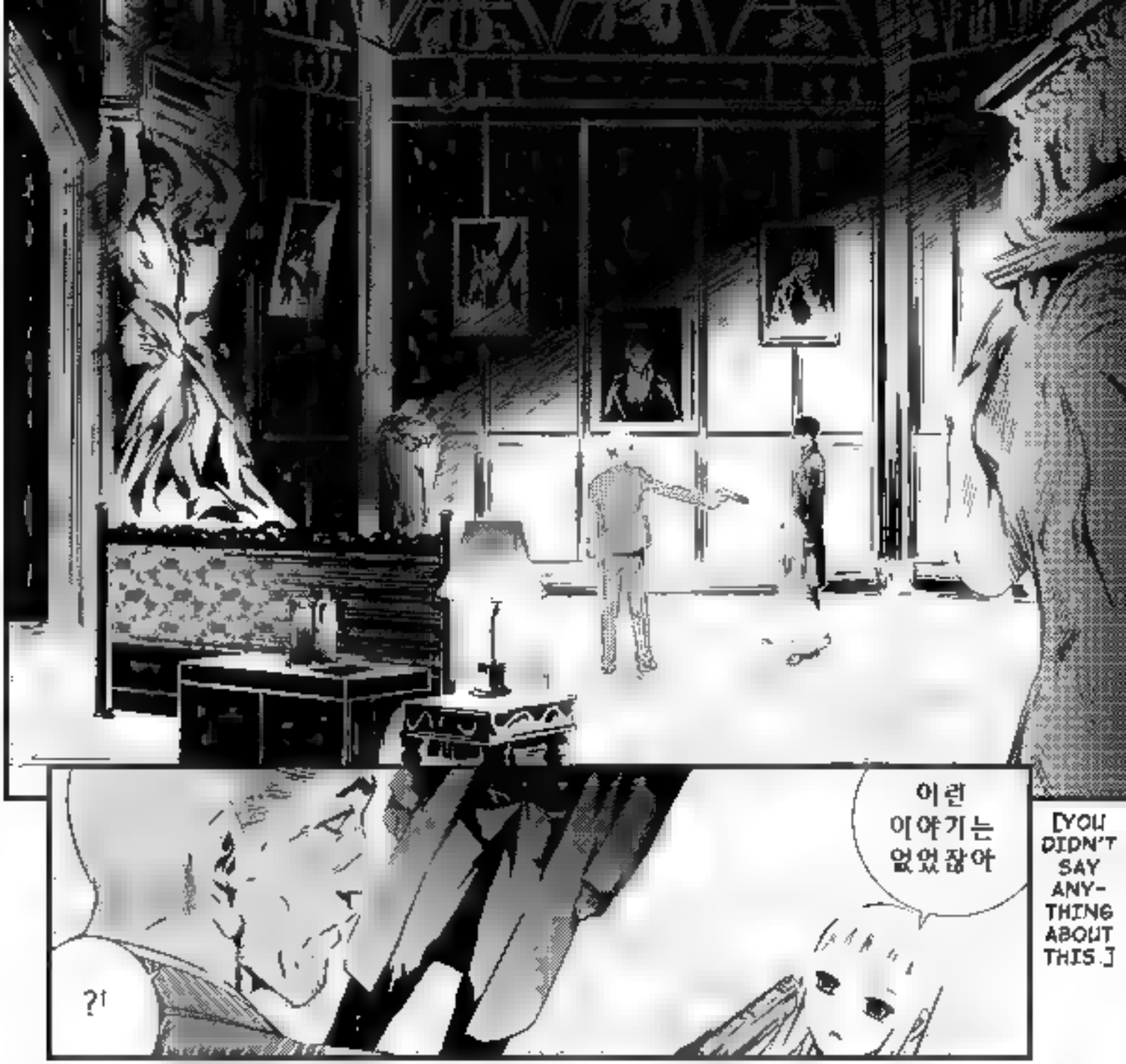
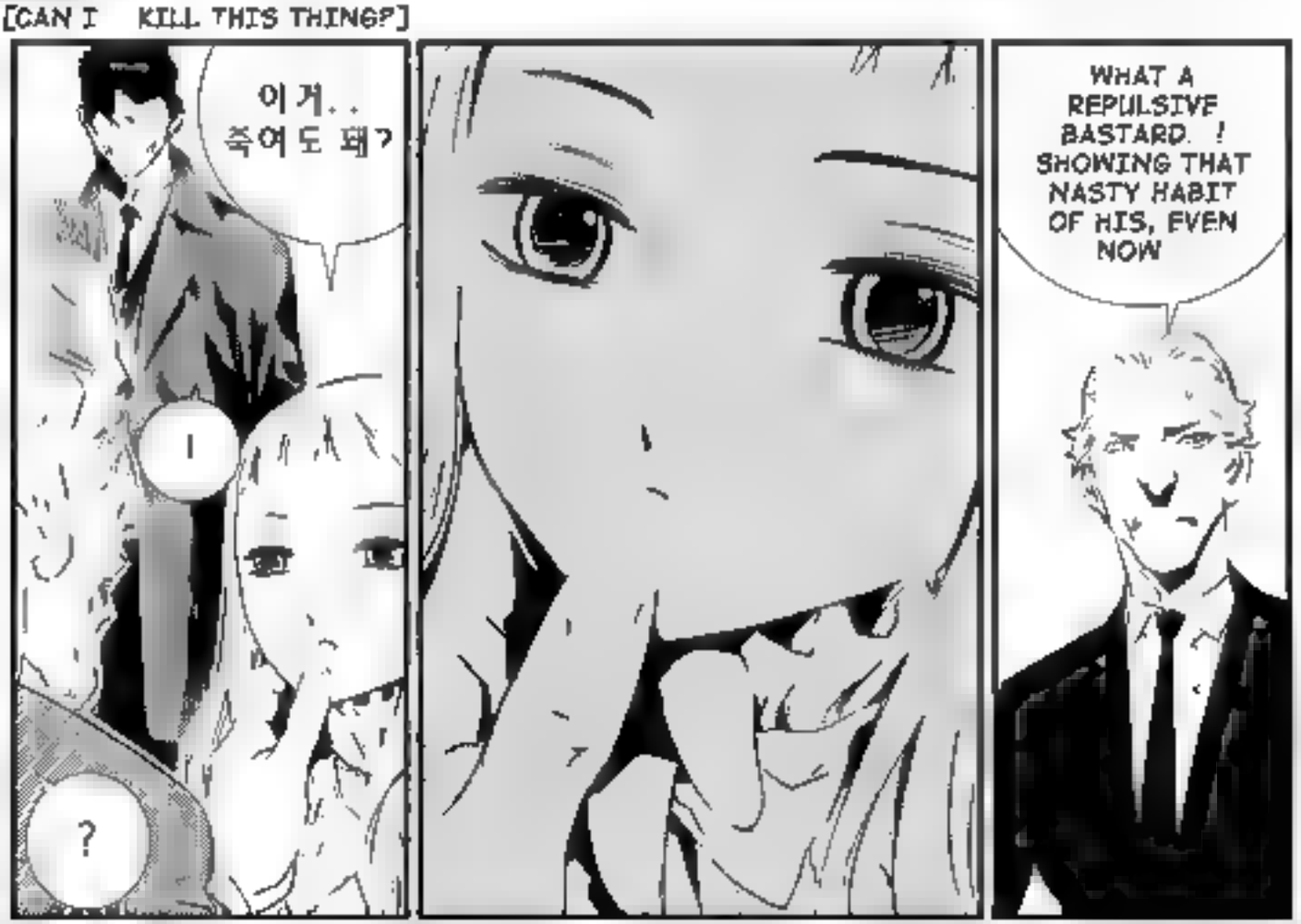

이런 이야기는 없었잖아
?!
[YOU DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING ABOUT THIS.]

DOESN'T THIS MISSY KNOW WHAT A GUN IS FOR?
NOT EVEN BATTING AN EYE-LASH.
HOH.
I KNOW I DIDN'T KNOW SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN, EITHER

[CAN I KILL THIS THING?]



HOH. REALLY? SO YOU LIKE ME A LOT, AS WELL??
THE PRINCESS SAYS SHE WANTS TO PLAY WITH YOU
HEY! WHAT'S THIS GIRL SAYING?
WHAT LANGUAGE IS SHE SPEAKING?
KER-CHUK
FINE, WE'LL HAVE A REAL GOOD TIME! AFTER I TAKE CARE OF THIS BASTARD FIRST...!
HUH?
TIK TIK
WHAT? YOU DON'T WANNA WAIT?
GRAB
HUH?

FWOOOSH
!

!

!!

!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD ...

W- WHAT THE...

IT– IT CAN'T BE
THIS FIRE, IT'S YOU??
CHEH!
YOU BITCH!!
WHOOSH

KUAAAH
!

KUAAAH!
KUAAH!
THUMP

W- WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU BASTARDS!?
G- QUICK!
M- MASTER!!

GWOOMPH
AH...
QUICKLY... KILL THIS BI-

FWOOOOOSH
[MY POOR FRIEND.]
du armer Freund
I
AH..
W- WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON HERE?
WUOOH!

kleine Prinzessin!

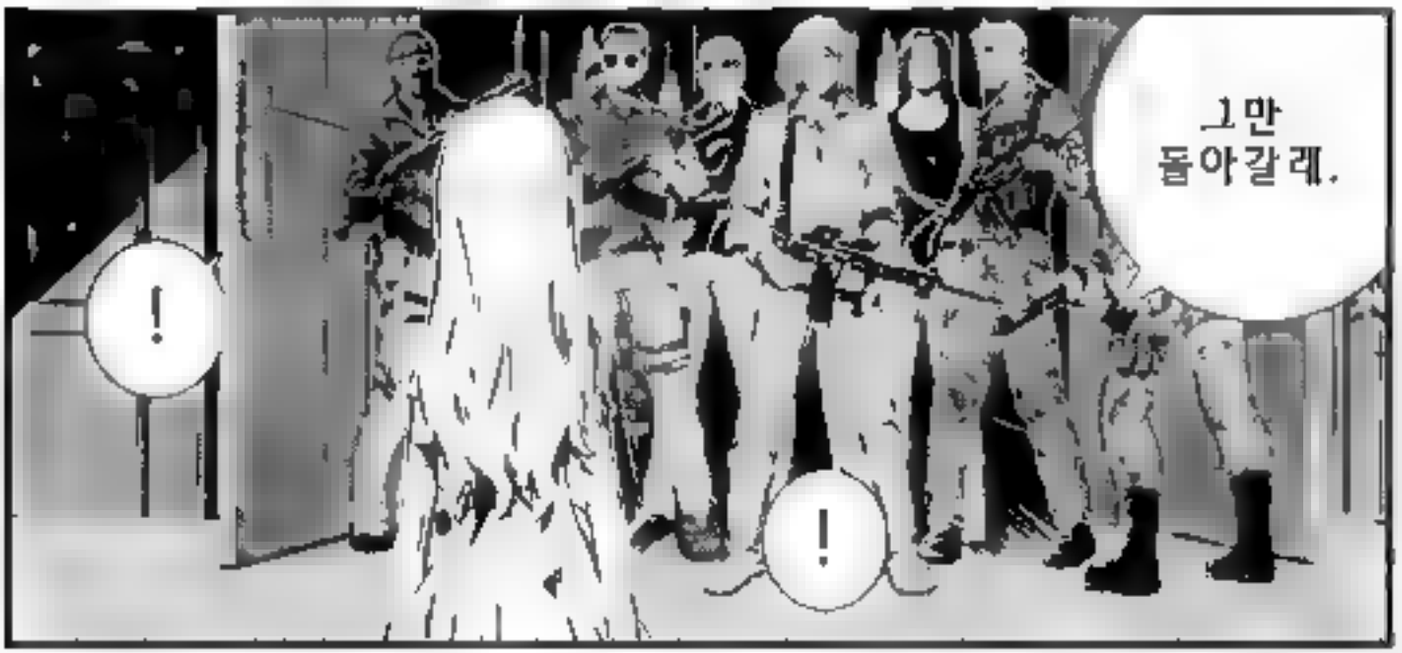
[LITTLE PRINCESS?]

ISN'T THAT RIGHT...

DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT THE WORLD YOU CAN'T COMPREHEND WOULD CEASE TO EXIST IF YOU JUST DENIED IT?

THE RIGHT CHOICE WOULD HAVE BEEN TO BOW YOUR HEAD OUT OF RESPECT WHEN ENCOUNTERING SUCH A WORLD.

[I'M TIRED]



[I WANT TO GO BACK NOW]

NEXT TIME YOU FEEL LIKE KILLING SOMEONE, YOU SHOULD PULL THAT TRIGGER BEFORE YOU SPEAK.
HEY, ROOKIES. LET ME GIVE YOU AN ADVICE.

CHURRR CHURRRR
KER-CHUK
WHY, YOU! WHAT WAS THAT?!
HUH?
!!
PA-PAK
CHAK

AH..

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SPLISH SPLISH

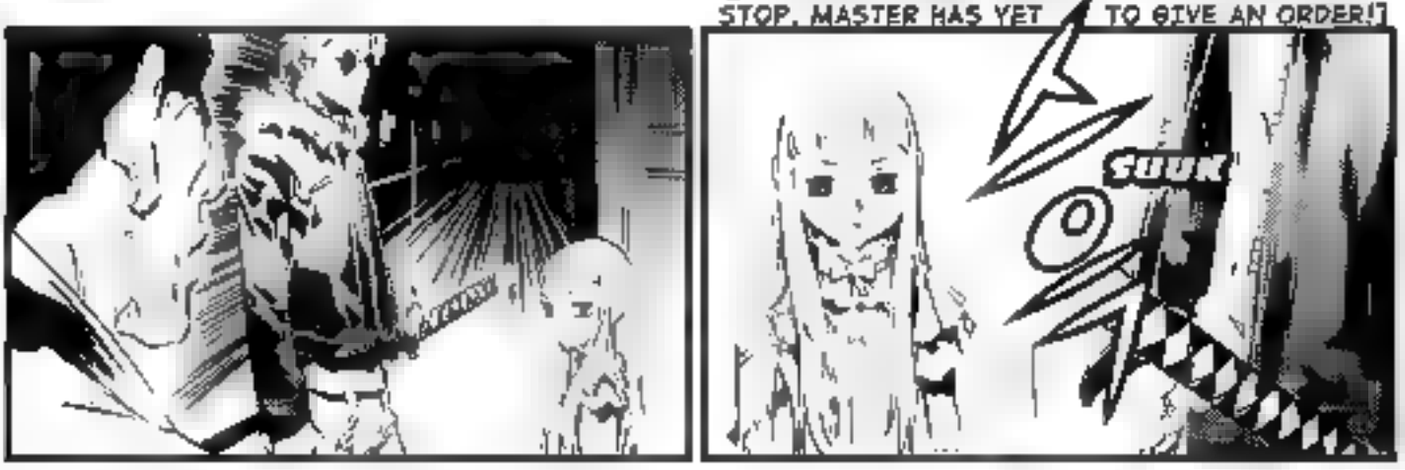
SUUK

!

THU-THU-THUMP

THUMP

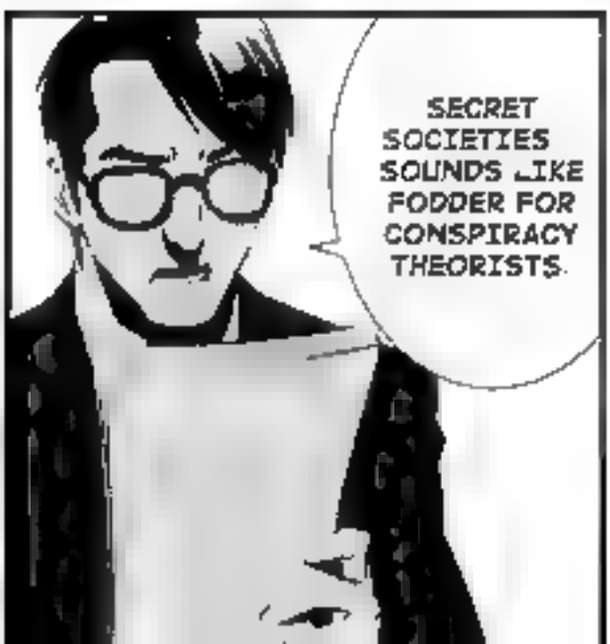
Yes! MASTER!!
KEP-CHUK
TAKESHI! THE PRINCESS WANTS TO REST! ESCORT HER!
止まれ。
まだMaster
の命令が!

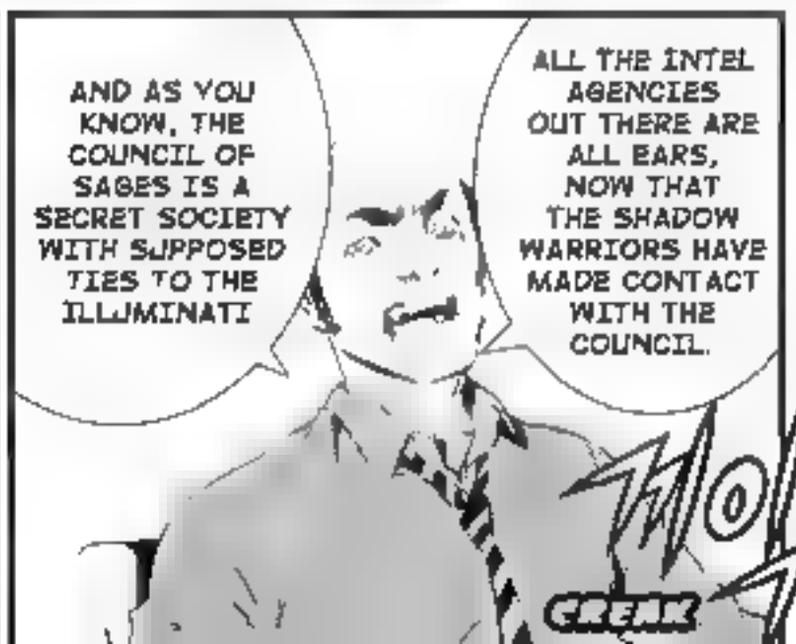

["TOMARE. MADA MASTER NO MEIREI-GA!" / STOP. MASTER HAS YET TO GIVE AN ORDER!]
SUUK

KAISER, JUST NOW.
HM?
NOW YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO PUT MY ADVICE TO USE, DO YOU?
HOW REGRETFUL.
CLAP CLAP CLAP
HOW IMPRESSIVE. VERY IMPRESSIVE.
GRIN
I DOUBT THAT THE STORY YOU WISH TO SHARE WITH US, THE COUNCIL OF SAGES, WOULD BE AS IMPRESSIVE.
I REALLY ENJOYED YOU SHOW, BUT..

[*- "OH IN HWEH" - LIT "ENLIGHTENED, PERSON, GATHERING"]

[**- GREAT BRITAIN'S INTELLIGENCE AGENCY]




AND AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNCIL OF SAGES IS A SECRET SOCIETY WITH SUPPOSED TIES TO THE ILLUMINATI
ALL THE INTEL AGENCIES OUT THERE ARE ALL EARS, NOW THAT THE SHADOW WARRIORS HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH THE COUNCIL.
GREAT

BUT WHAT'S THE REASON FOR GIVING US THIS INTEL? ARE THEY TRYING TO DIG DEEPER INTO OUR PAST CONNECTION TO THE SHADOW WARRIORS ?
BUT IT'S PRETTY MUCH ACCEPTED AS FACT BY ALL THE AGENCIES, THAT THEY ARE THE ONES BEHIND ALL THE BIG EVENTS IN THIS CENTURY.
CHIEF, I'M JUST THE HANDS AND FEET THAT FOLLOW ORDERS FROM THE STATE...
MATTERS OF *FRIEND-OR-FOE* ARE DECIDED BY THE ONES ABOVE.
DO YOU SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THAT THE SHADOW WARRIORS, NO, THE BLACK FOREST IS STILL ON OUR SIDE?
!
YEAH, YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT SORRY FOR ASKING SOMETHING SO USELESS.
SHOULDN'T THAT BE THE ANSWER?
ANYWAY, THE REASON THEY SENT THIS FILE
IS BECAUSE THOSE BLACK FOREST BASTARDS ARE NOW TARGETING OUR COUNTRY!

WHAT THEY'RE AIMING FOR THIS TIME ISN'T THE MURIM, BUT THE NORMAL WORLD.
!
WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT? DIDN'T THE BLACK FOREST GET AS MUCH AS THEY WANT FROM THE MURIM IN THAT LAST INCIDENT?

MOST LIKELY, THE BLACK FOREST IS TARGETING OUR COUNTRY AS A SHOW OF POWER BEFORE THEY JOIN HANDS WITH THE COUNCIL OF SAGES.

COMPARED THAT TO OUR COUNTRY'S MURIM, WHICH IS IN A STATE OF UTTER DIVISION.
THE MARTIAL ARTS ALLIANCE LOST ITS LEADERSHIP EARLY ON, AND THOSE S.L.C BASTARDS HAVE HAD A FREE HAND TO COMMIT ALL SORTS OF CRIMES.

WELL, THEY SHOULD BE PRETTY FULL OF THEMSELVES, SINCE THEY HAVE GOOMOONRYONG, THE GREATEST MASTER EVER, AND THE SUNWOO CLAN'S HEIR...

THEY'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER COMMONERS! THAT'S WHY THEY HATED THE MURIM-IN, THE ALLIANCE SO MUCH!
AND I BET THEY WOULD HAVE EVEN MADE A PACT WITH THE DEVIL, IF IT MEANT STRIKING A BLOW AGAINST THE ALLIANCE!!
DAMMIT! THAT'S WHY I WAS SO OPPOSED TO HELPING OUT THE BLACK FOREST BACK THEN!!
DAMN OUR SUPERIORS!
AND THANKS TO THAT, EVEN OUR MURIM SPECIAL OPS SECTION HAS ITS HANDS FULL CLEANING UP AFTER THE MESS.

.....
DAMMIT! AND AFTER GETTING MANIPULATED BY THEM LAST TIME, NOW THEY'RE COMING BACK TO CLEAN US OUT, DOWN TO OUR VERY BONES! HOW RICH IS THAT?!

MIG SENT THIS FILE TO A FRINGE COUNTRY LIKE US, DON'T YOU GET IT YET?
IF THE BLACK FOREST AND THE COUNCIL OF SAGES JOIN HANDS, THEN WHAT HAPPENS?
IF..

IF THEY DO JOIN HANDS... AT THE VERY LEAST IT WOULD MEAN THAT
THERE'D BE NO WAY IN HELL ANYONE COULD STAND UP TO THE MAN NAMED KAISER!

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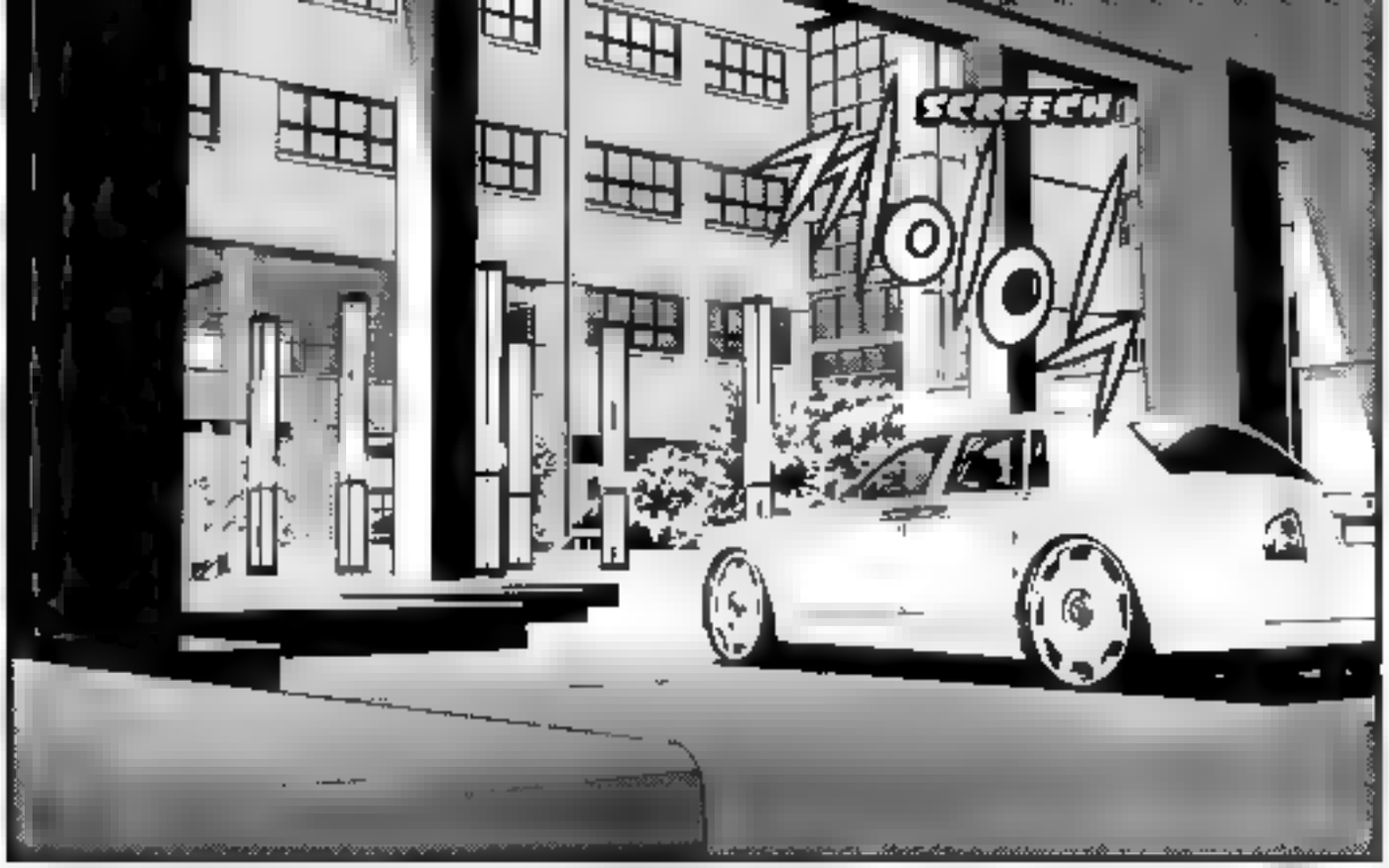
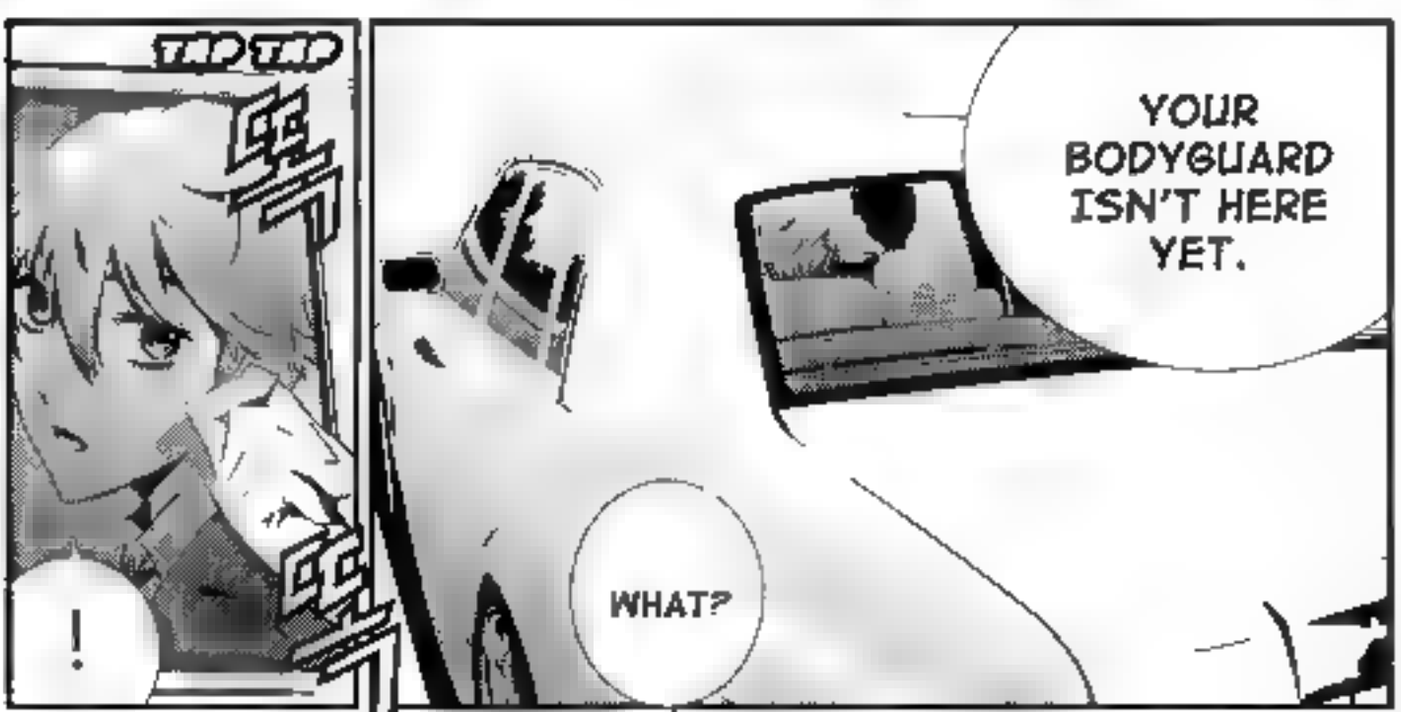
H- HUH?
JUST SIT BACK AND BE GLAD THIS IS A ROUTE THE MIL-YANG HEAD TOLD ME ABOUT
AREN'T WE GOING THE WRONG WAY?
IT'S BECAUSE WE'D STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB IF WE DROVE THROUGH THE MAIN ENTRANCE WITH THIS CAR
HUH? WAS THERE A WAY INTO THE SCHOOL HERE?
VROOM
KER-CHUK


SCREECH!

ANYWAY, THANKS FOR DROPPING ME OFF ON TIME. THEN I'LL SEE YOU LATER AND...
WAIT!


TAP TAP
!
YOUR BODYGUARD ISN'T HERE YET.
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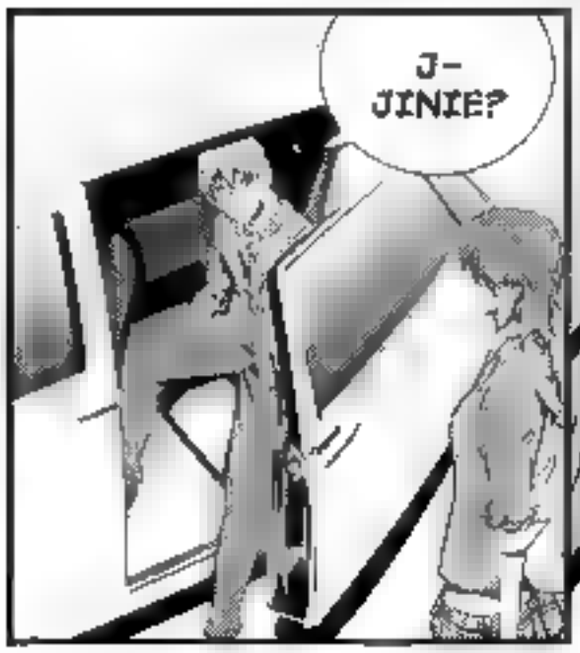
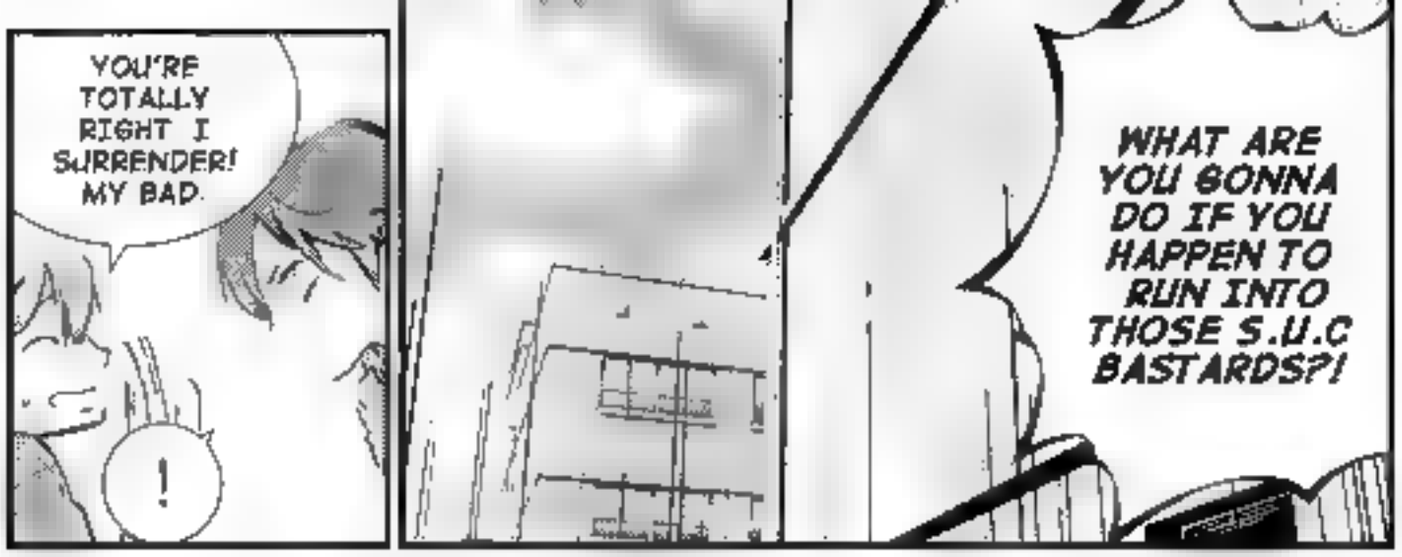

J-
JINIE?

I CALLED HER, SINCE IT'D BE HARD FOR ME TO PROTECT YOU INSIDE THE SCHOOL.
!

FLINCH
MORE IMPORTANTLY, AREN'T THEY TREATING YOUR KI-CENTER RIGHT NOW? IS IT OK FOR YOU TO WANDER AROUND LIKE THIS?

WHAT THE HELL.
BUT JINIE'S STILL GETTING TREATED
HEY! I'M IN A MUCH BETTER SHAPE THAN YOU ARE, Y'KNOW!


YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT I SURRENDER! MY BAD.
!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO IF YOU HAPPEN TO RUN INTO THOSE S.U.C BASTARDS?!

BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU FOR PROTECTION, RIGHT, JINIE? I'M SORRY. ARE WE COOL?

CHE!

.....

THIS GUY... HE'S PLAYING DIRTY WITH THOSE AWKWARD SMILES OF HIS!
??

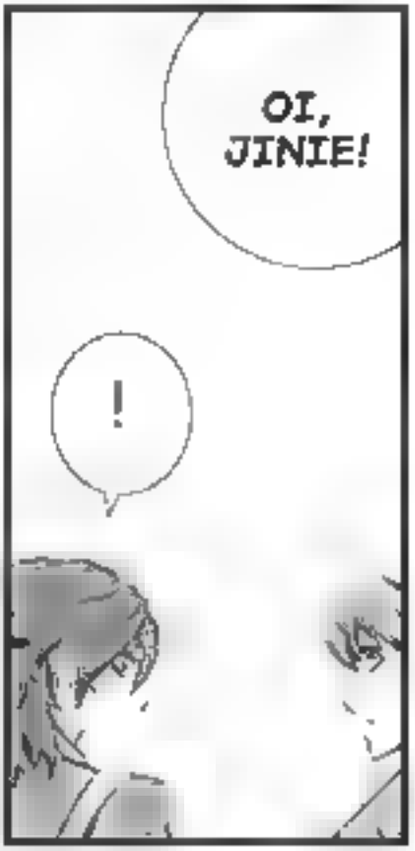
FROM NOW ON, DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT LEAVING MY SIGHTS WHILE IN SCHOOL! GOT THAT?

?
AHEM! WELL, WHATEVER

SHALL WE GO, JINIE?
!

BLUSH
TURN UP THE HEAT?

THAT GIRLIE FROM MIL-YANG SCHOOL WON'T BE BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL FOR A WHILE SO MAKE IT WORTH IT, AND TURN UP THE HEAT!


OI, JINIE!
!

KAKAKAH~ YOU THINK YOU CAN CATCH ME?? IN YER DREAMS, MAYBE!
YOU! YOU'D BETTER KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT, OR ELSE I'MMA KILL YOU LATER!

HOH... WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?
W- WHY YOU! YOU WANNA DIE?!
KEKEH~

HM?

DAMMIT I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
OH, THERE'S SOME PLACE I HAVE TO GO FIRST..
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? ISN'T OUR CLASS THAT WAY?

SAE-HEE. LONG TIME
S-SHIOON?
GRAB
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG?
.....
CLENCH
?
WHAT'S UP WITH HER?
HUH? WHAT?
!
COME WITH ME FOR A SECOND

SHIOON, BE HONEST WITH ME.
HM? ABOUT WHAT?
HUH?
TUK
ARE YOU STILL BEING BULLIED BY THOSE GUYS?
!
I MEAN, YOU'VE BEEN REALLY STRANGE YOU SKIPPED SCHOOL FOR A WHILE, AND I COULDN'T REACH YOU ON THE PHONE, EVEN
AND THAT STRANGE GIRL HAS BEEN HANGING AROUND YOU, AS WELL
??
IF IT'S BULLYING, THEN LET ME HELP YOU! I HEAR THEY GIVE GOOD COUNSELING THESE DAYS, SO. HUH?
TUK

HUH?
THANKS, SAE-HEE... YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD FRIEND.
OHH. A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT IS IT SCHOOL ROMANCE, MAYBE?
WHY ARE THEY STANDING SO CLOSE?
CHE. WHAT THE HECK ARE THEY DOING?
WINK
Y-YOO JI-GUN?!
!
YO~
!!
OI, OI.. WHAT AM I, THE PLAGUE OR SOME-THING?
W-WHY ARE YOU HERE? WHAT EVIL SCHEMES ARE YOU PLANNING?
GRAWR

!
YOO JI-GUN!
THANKFULLY I'M OKAY ENOUGH TO GET UP ON MY OWN TWO FEET
YO, SHIOON-
!
ARE YOU OKAY NOW?
OHHH, WE'RE THE BEST OF FRIENDS
OH, THAT...
BULLCRAP! YOU WANNA DIE?!
???
YOU TWO. ARE FRIENDS?
!
!
DING DONG
DANG DONG
!
!

ANYWAY, I'M SORRY I HAVEN'T KEPT IN TOUCH RECENTLY, SAE-HEE.
!
HEY, THE BELL RANG LET'S GO
OH, RIGHT.
OI! WHY DON'T YOU GUYS GET LOST ALREADY? I'LL BE THE ONE ESCORTING SAE-HEE.
WHEESH WHEESH
!
SMIRK
BUT DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH.
'CAUSE IT'S NOT AS BAD AS YOU IMAGINE!
NOW, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO GLIDE YOU TO OUR CLASSROOM, MILADY
!
THEN I'LL SEE YOU LATER, SAE-HEE
OH, OKAY..

AH- SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, I ENDED UP BEING INDEBTED TO HIM.
INDEBT-ED?
HEY, WHEN DID YOU AND SHIOON GET TO BE SO FRIENDLY?

YOUR REASON FOR INSISTING ON SCHOOL! ISN'T IT BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT HER?
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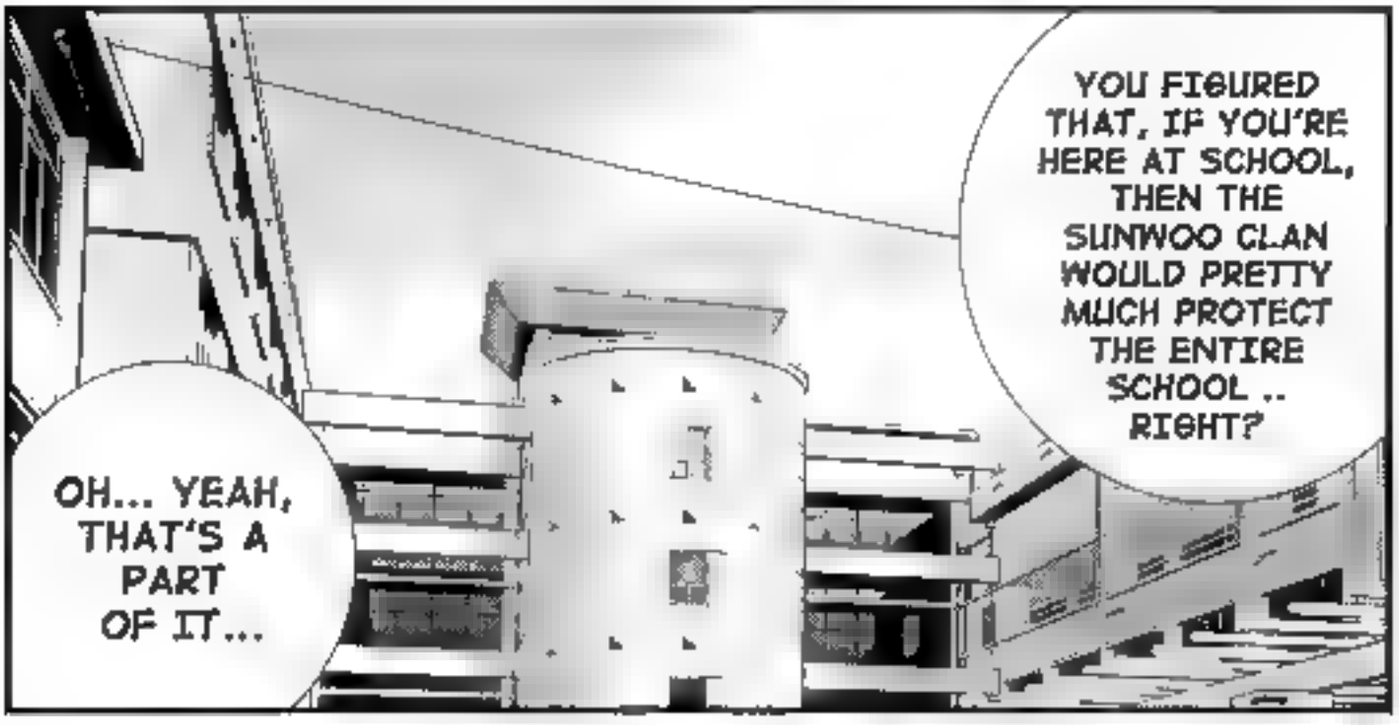
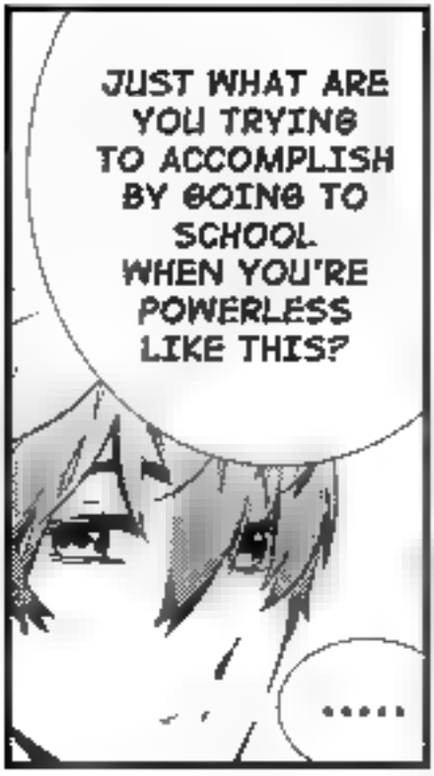
IT'S BECAUSE OF HER, RIGHT?
HUH?


YOU FIGURED THAT, IF YOU'RE HERE AT SCHOOL, THEN THE SUNWOO CLAN WOULD PRETTY MUCH PROTECT THE ENTIRE SCHOOL .. RIGHT?
OH... YEAH, THAT'S A PART OF IT...

WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN BETTER TO MAKE A SEPARATE REQUEST, THEN?

AH, YOU'RE SO ANNOYING.


JUST WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH BY GOING TO SCHOOL WHEN YOU'RE POWERLESS LIKE THIS?
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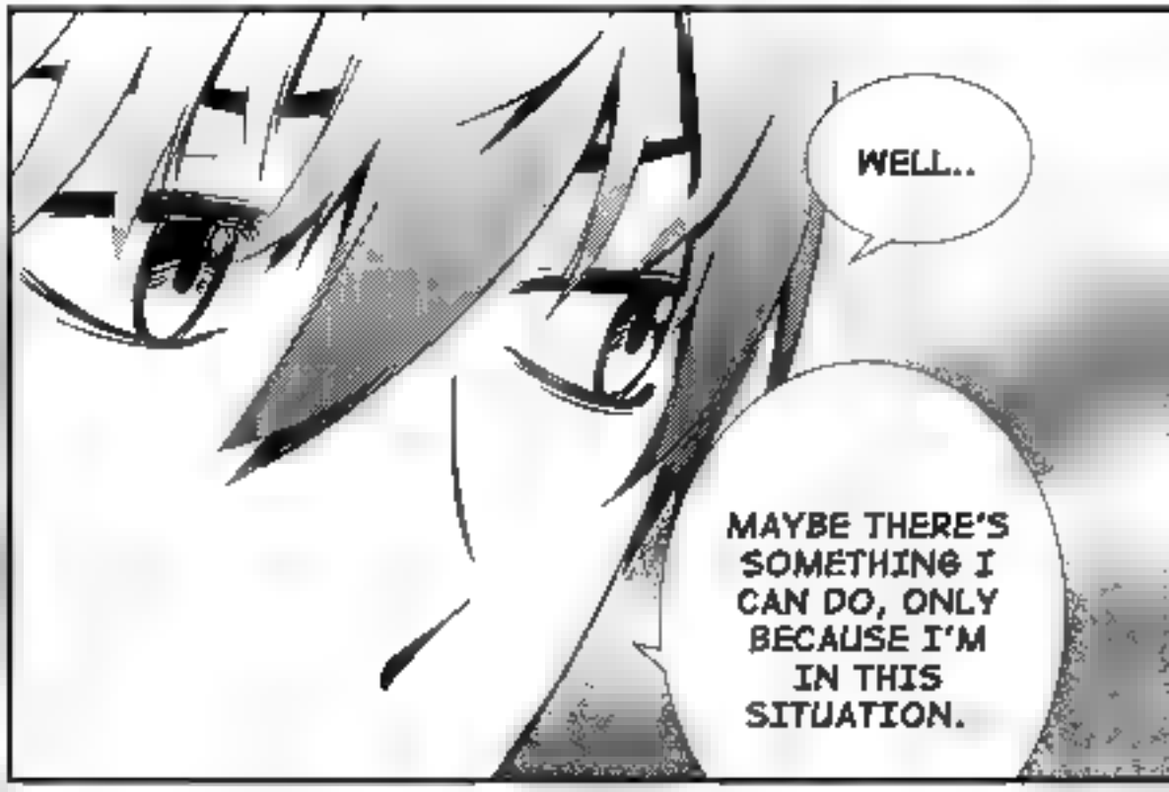
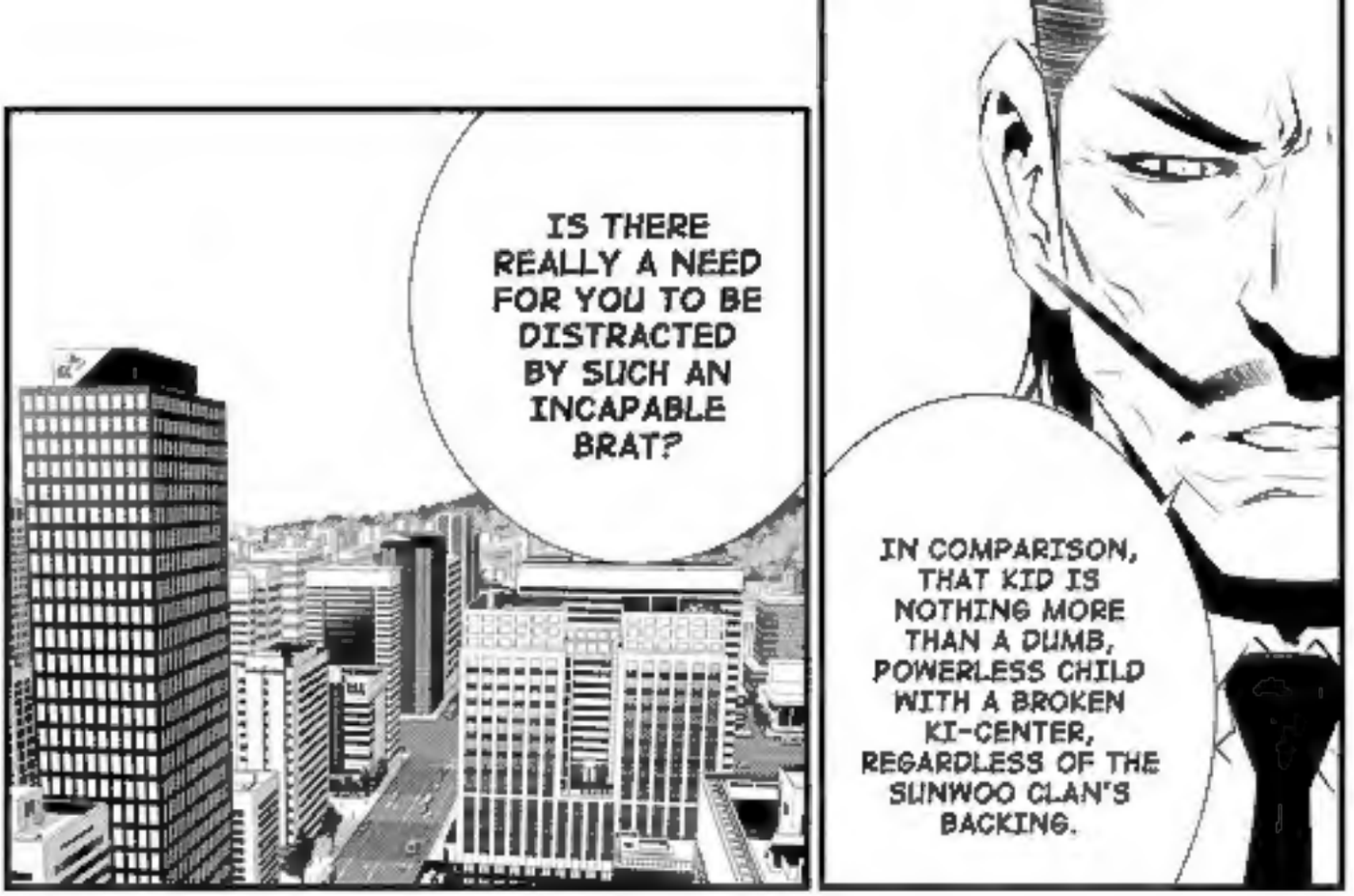
AND YOU SHOULD PLANTED YOUR BUTT WITHIN THE SUNWOO CLAN AND GOTTEN YOUR KI-CENTER TREATMENTS!

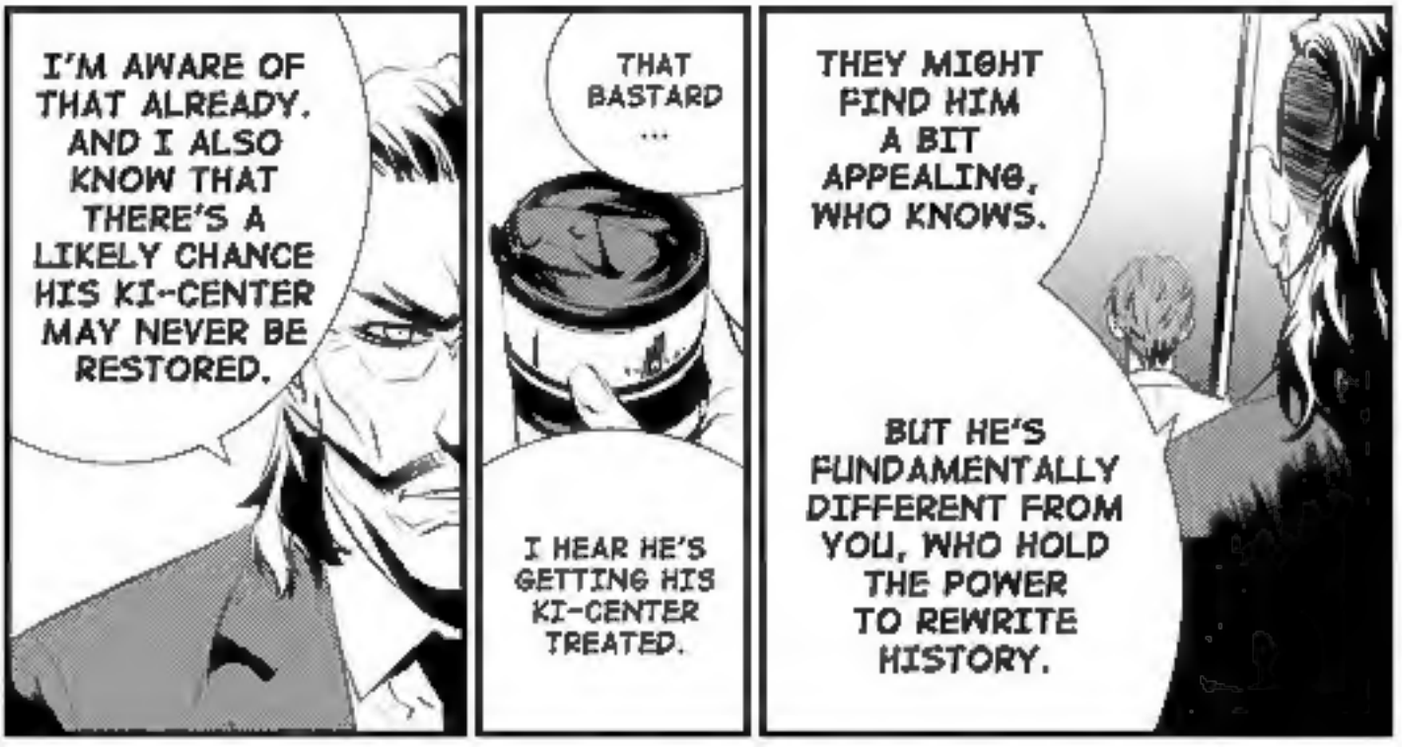
WHAT?


WELL..
MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING I CAN DO, ONLY BECAUSE I'M IN THIS SITUATION.

JE-GAL SUNSENG*. ARE YOU PLANNING SOMETHING BEHIND MY BACK?
YOU CALLED FOR ME, GROUP HEAD-NIM?
SIR?
[*- LIT "TEACHER", HERE, IT'S USED AS A TITLE OF NOMINAL RESPECT]
OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I TOLD YOU TO REPORT EVERYTHING ABOUT THAT BASTARD SHIOON, NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL IT WAS?
ONCE THIS MISSION IS OVER, YOU AND THE S.U.C WILL OBTAIN IMMENSE AUTHORITY THROUGH THE POWER OF GOOMOONRYONG-NIM
.....
GROUP HEAD-NIM. RIGHT NOW, THE S.U.C IS FACING A MISSION OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE.

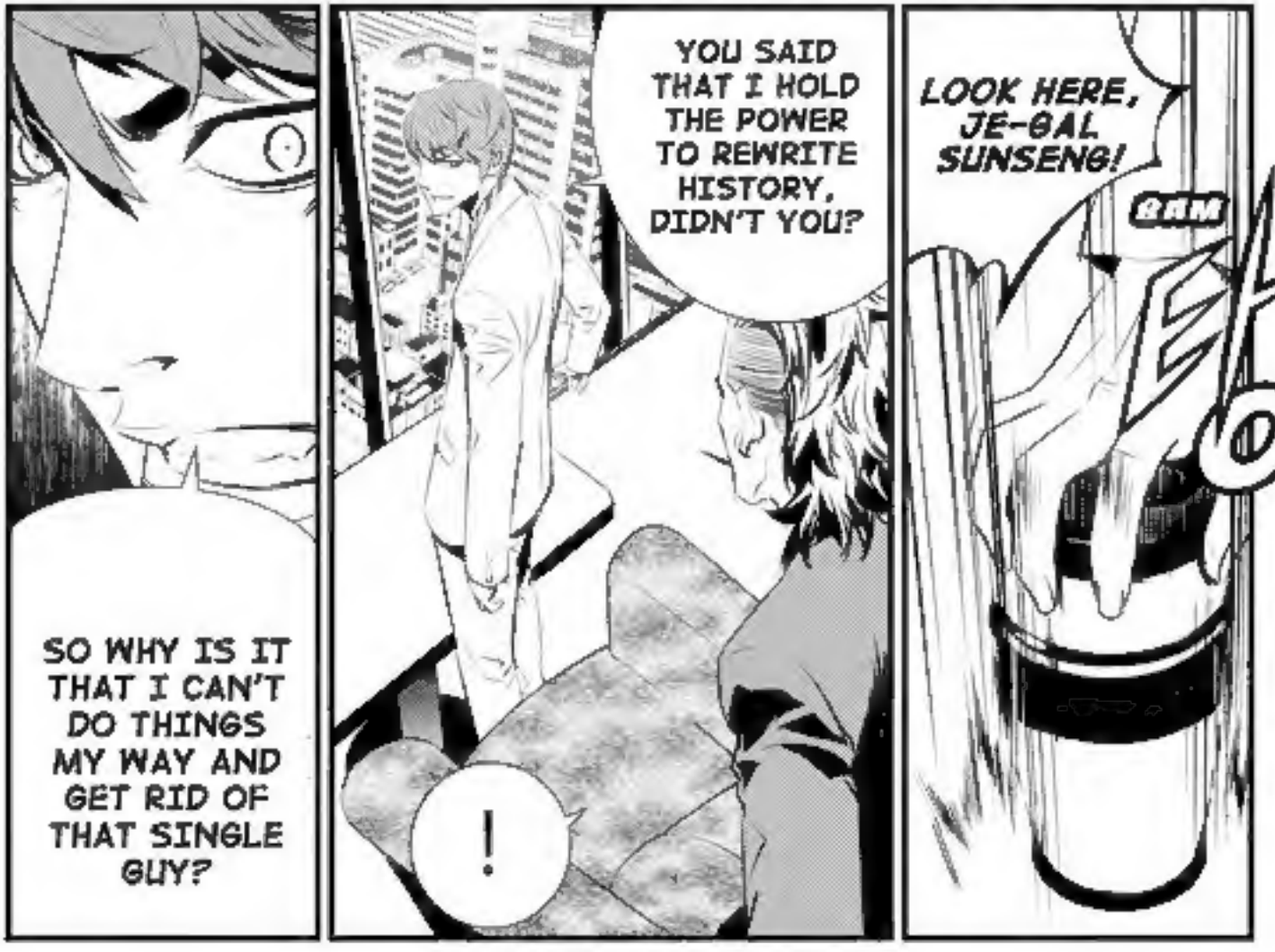

IS THERE REALLY A NEED FOR YOU TO BE DISTRACTED BY SUCH AN INCAPABLE BRAT?
IN COMPARISON, THAT KID IS NOTHING MORE THAN A DUMB, POWERLESS CHILD WITH A BROKEN KI-CENTER, REGARDLESS OF THE SUNWOO CLAN'S BACKING.

INCAPABLE, YOU SAY?
THEN WHY IS IT THAT EVERYONE WHO'S MET HIM CONSISTENTLY SPEAKS PRAISE OF HIM?


I'M AWARE OF THAT ALREADY. AND I ALSO KNOW THAT THERE'S A LIKELY CHANCE HIS KI-CENTER MAY NEVER BE RESTORED.
THAT BASTARD ...
I HEAR HE'S GETTING HIS KI-CENTER TREATED.
THEY MIGHT FIND HIM A BIT APPEALING, WHO KNOWS.
BUT HE'S FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM YOU, WHO HOLD THE POWER TO REWRITE HISTORY.

THAT KID... HE'S GONE BACK TO SCHOOL.
!
NO!
AND THAT IS WHY HE'S PROBABLY COOPED UP RIGHT NOW, INSIDE THE SUNWOO CLAN, WITHOUT SETTING A FOOT OUTSIDE.

[*- "CHUN MYUN RANG"; GIRL WITH A THOUSAND FACES]


SO WHY IS IT THAT I CAN'T DO THINGS MY WAY AND GET RID OF THAT SINGLE GUY?
!
YOU SAID THAT I HOLD THE POWER TO REWRITE HISTORY, DIDN'T YOU?
LOOK HERE, JE-GAL SUNSENG!
RHM
EK

NO.
I UNDERSTAND. THEN I'LL GIVE THE ORDER TO THOUSAND-FACE TO...
.....

B- BUT THAT WOULD BLOW THIS MATTER OUT OF PROPORTION!
WHAT?
SEND OUT THE ORDER TO THE FIVE CAPTAINS -- EXCEPT FOR COOL GUY! TELL THEM TO DROP EVERYTHING, AND FOCUS ALL THEIR POWER ON GETTING RID OF HIM.

WE HAVE A SECOND CHANCE AFTER OUR FIRST FAILURE! IF WE FAIL AGAIN, THEN HE'LL REALLY CRAWL INSIDE THE SUNWOO CLAN, AND OUT OF OUR REACH FOR GOOD!

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YES, SIR... AS YOU COMMAND.

THAT'S WHY.... STRIKE HARD AND FAST, AND GET RID OF HIM, FOR GOOD!!